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FIRST, OF RECORD

TO THE SEVERAL CHURCHES
REPRESENTED IN CONVENTION.

"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

Beloved Brethren:—In consequence of the anti-christian course, most rigorously pursued towards us, by those with whom we have, heretofore, been associated, we met in convention, according to previous arrangement, at Little Sister Meeting-House, Lenoir County, North-Carolina, on Friday before 5th Lord's day in March, 1834. After some explanatory remarks, relative to the necessity and object of the meeting, by Elder William Clark, Elder Abram Congleton was called on to preside, and Bro. Benjamin F. Eborn to register the proceedings of the Convention.

The following Churches were represented, viz:

CHURCHES.	WHERE SITUATED.	DELEGATION PRESENT.
Old Ford,	Beaufort County.	John Leggitt.
Tranter's Creek,	ditto.	Edwin Gorham.
Smythwick's Creek,	Martin.	Letter by J. Leggitt.
Grindale Creek,	Pitt.	Benjamin F. Ebron, William Clark.
Rountree's,	ditto.	Charles J. Rountree, Willie Nobles, Isaac Baldree.
Little Sister,	Lenoir.	A. Congleton, Walter Dunn, Orlando Canfield, Arthur Tull, James S. Desmond, J. P. Dunn.

After mature deliberation, the above named brethren agreed to unite, taking for their bond of union, the word of God, recorded in the Old and New Testaments: in which is revealed, the only legitimate foundation for the faith and obedience of the disciples of Jesus Christ. They also concurred in rejecting every thing written since the canonical books of the New Testament, as of any authority in the kingdom of God, (which our Saviour informs us is not of this world—John xviii. 36.): of which kingdom our Immanuel is the rightful Sovereign, and for the proper government of which, the New Testament contains

Tar Heel Disciples

C. C. WARE, the indefatigable one, has gotten out a new book. He calls it *Tar Heel Disciples (1841-1852)*, and it is composed for the most part of the minutes of the earliest cooperative gatherings of our brethren in the state of North Carolina. These cooperative meetings, generally known as conferences, were the predecessors of our state conventions. Nearly all of Ware's book deals with what was known at that time as "The Bethel Conference," and most of the meetings were held in Sampson County, Jones, Johnston, and Lenoir Counties. There was also a meeting in Pitt County and one or two others. The records of these early assemblies are brief but should be of priceless value to later historians. The kind of thing which Mr. Ware has done here should be duplicated throughout the United States before these invaluable early records are dissipated or destroyed.

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MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL BETHEL CONFERENCE

AND

UNION MEETING

OF THE

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
ANNUAL BETHEL CONFERENCE AND UNION MEETING
OF THE
Disciples of Christ.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18, 1855.

According to appointment, the Annual Bethel Conference and Union Meeting of the Disciples of Christ, assembled at the church of the Disciples in Kinston, N. C.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder John Dupree, from I Cor., 15th chap., 58th verse: "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord; forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

The Conference was then organized by appointing Elder Amos J. Battle Moderator, Elder John L. Clifton Assistant Moderator, Brother Alfred Moye Clerk, and Elder Josephus Latham Assistant Clerk.

On motion, brethren Thomas Ward and William J. Bowen were appointed a Committee of Finance to receive contributions, and report the amount to this Conference.

On motion, agreed, that Elders John T. Walsh and Benjamin Parrott, and brother John Harper, be appointed a Committee to supply the stage with preachers during the Conference.

After which Conference adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock A. M. Prayer, &c. by Elder J. L. Clifton.

FRIDAY, OCT. 19, 1855.

Conference met according to adjournment. Prayer, &c. by Eder Henry D. Cason.

Elder John T. Walsh from the Committee on the Order of Business submitted the following report: 1st. The reception and reading of letters from churches; 2d. The rece-d tion of churches; 3d. Evangelizing Reports; 4th. Female College; 5th. Periodicals; 6th. Sunday Schools; 7th. Cooperation and exployment of Evangelists; 8th. Ministerial meeting; 9th. Time and place of holding the next Conference.

The regular order, as reported, was then taken up, and the following summary gives a tabular statement of the first in order:

COUNTIES	CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	Rec'd by letter.	Baptized.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Total number.	Contributions.
Lenoir,	Wheat Swamp,	W. Sutton, P. M. Hardy, W. Daley,	5	37	5		4	237	3 00
"	Kinston,	G. Taylor, S. Rountree, R. W. King,		4			1	55	2 00
"	Christian Chapel,	Wm. A. Boyd, Ivey Heath,	1	1				25	1 00
"	Rose of Sharon,	W. Ormond, C. Tucker, F. Sutton,					2	30	2 00
Greene,	Hookerton,	Jas. T. Albritton,		1		1	2	59	2 00
"	Oak Grove,	A. Moye, W. J. Moye, R. W. Hines,		6	1		1	110	3 00
Edgecombe,	Otter's Creek,	M. Bowers, Geo. W. Parker,				1		16	1 00
Craven,	Little Swift Creek,	By letter,	1	1	3			25	1 00
"	Broad Creek,	J. W. P. Holton, A. Barrington,	2	4	7		2	50	
"	Bethany,	By letter,			9	1		48	1 50
Sampson,	Pleasant Union,	W. Gregory, F. Westbrook,	1	1		5	1	67	2 00
"	Piney Grove,	H. Britt,		1				146	2 00
Johnston,	Mill Creek,	J. Harper, J. Summerlin, J. H. Dupree,				8		137	2 00
Wayne,	Pleasant Grove,	Wm McLenny,				1		23	50
Beaufort,	Old Ford,	K. Woolard, W. Cherry,	8	28		6	3	132	1 50
"	Pungo Chapel,	Thos. L. Tyson,	5	4	7	1		87	1 50
"	Concord,	By letter,	1	9	3	1		87	2 00
"	Shiloh,	Horace Oden, Isaac Wallace,	2	10	6		2	54	2 00
"	Union Chapel,	Eli K. Powell,	6	5		1	2	50	50
"	Head of Pungo,	New church admitted this conference,						17	50
Washington,	Christian Hope,	Downing Davis,	1	2			2	50	1 00
"	Long Acre,	W. J. Bowen, G. W. Bowen, new ch.						19	1 00
Martin,	Welch Neck,	Cutter Rains,		9			2	60	1 00
"	Taylor's Chapel,	By letter,	2	2		1		39	1 00
Pitt,	Elmgrove,	Asa Edwards, S. Gardener,					2	158	2 50
"	Antioch,	J. W. May, J. T. Barrett, G. W. Barrett, J. H. Hines,	2	19		2		115	3 00
"	Rountree's,	Robert H. Rountree,		2				60	2 00
Jones,	Chinquepin Ch'pel,	D. Green, C. Brown, B. Brown,	3	1	1		2	85	2 00
"	Pleasant Hill,	W. Gooden, S. Gooden, W. G. Fordham,	4		1			52	2 00
"	Tuckahoe,	Jas. Martin, B. H. Huffman,	4	7				63	1 50
Carteret,	Wier Creek,	By letter,		2	1		1	63	1 00
Onslow,	Jenkins Chapel,	S. Cox, Jesse Baseden,				2	1	50	1 50
Hyde,	Neills' Chapel.	New church admitted,						15	50
			48	166	44	31	30	2284	$51 00

The following churches not represented at all: Spring Creek, Pitt county, Oak Grove, Beaufort county, Tranters Creek, Edgecombe, county, Wilson, Craven county, Bay Creek and South River.

The following new churches were received, viz: Head of Pungo, in Beaufort county, Longacre, in Washington county, and Neill's Chapel in Hyde county; which have been arranged in their order in the statement exhibited in the foregoing table.

Elders Jesse P. Neville and Amos J. Battle made their Evangelizing Reports, which were received, and Elder Walsh requested to print them in his paper.

On motion of Elder Walsh, agreed, that a Committee be raised on the subject of a Female College. Elders Walsh, Dunn and Josephus Latham, were appointed said Committee.

On motion of Elder Respess, agreed, that a Committee be appointed on the subject of Periodicals. Elders Dunn, Thomas J. Latham, Clifton and Battle were appointed said Committee.

On motion, agreed, that a Committee be raised on the propriety of Sunday Schools. Elders Neville and Josephus Latham and brother Richard W. King were appointed said Committee.

On motion, agreed, that a Committee be raised on the subject of Co-operation and employment of Evangelist . Brother Alfred Moye and Elders Cason and Walsh were appointed said Committee.

Elder George Joyner submitted the following resolution on the subject of Ministerial meeting:

Resolved, by the ministers of this Conference, That we will organize a Ministers' Meeting, the object of which shall be the mutual improvement of the ministry. To accomplish this end, we will hold a semi-annual meeting, at which time public addresses and written essays shall be delivered and submitted to criticism.

Received and adopted ; and on motion a Committee was raised to draft a constitution and by-laws for the organization of this object, to report on to-morrow at 3½ o'clock P. M. Elders Joyner, Walsh and Hines were appointed said Committee.

The time and place for holding the next Conference was considered, and voted that it be held at Chinquepin Chapel in Jones county, to commence on Thursday before the 3d Lord's day in October, 1856. Elder John P. Dunn appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder Gideon Allen alternate, in case of his failure.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow, at 10 o'clock A. M.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20th, 1855.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer, &c. by Elder Thomas J. Latham.

Brother Alfred Moye from the Committee on the subject of Co-operation and Evangelists, submitted the following report:

The Committee appointed on the subject of Evangelists, submit the following report:

From their own knowledge and the information they have received from various portions within the bounds of our Conference, we are satisfied that there is a great demand for ministerial labors in the destitute churches; besides, there are inviting fields that call for the spread of the glorious gospel of our blessed Redeemer; they therefore recommend the adpotion of the following resolutions:

1st. *Resolved*, As the opinion of this Conference, we are in favor of sending, at least, one Evangelist for the purpose of disseminating the gospel.

2d. *Resolved*, That by this declaration we do not consider that individual members or churches are bound to furnish the funds necessary to this object, further than they are willing to contribute for this laudable effort.

3d. *Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed to ascertain the amount that has already been made up by the different churches, and to confer with the ministry as to the sum necessary for this purpose, and who will consent to be employed, and for what amount.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MOYE, Ch'n.

Received and adopted, and the following brethren, viz: Richard W. King, James W. May, Thomas Ward, Wm. J. Bowen and Horace Oden were appointed a Committee to carry out the object of the 3d resolution.

Elder Walsh submitted a report from the Committee on the subject of the Female College.

The Committee on the Female College respectfully submit the following report:

That, from the most reliable information they can obtain, it is absolutely necessary to take measures for securing an increased subscription, in order to carry out the plan of the College building which has been submitted to them. And your Committee would respectfully urge the propriety of making an effort at this meeting for this object.

Jno. T. Walsh, Ch'n.

Received and adopted, and Elder Josephus Latham was requested to make a special effort (at this time) to increase the funds for this object.

A report from the Committee on Periodicals was received and adopted, and ordered to be spread on the Minutes.

The Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report, that they have had the same under consideration, and submit the following:

The Millenial Harbinger, edited by Elder A. Campbell, of Bethany, Va., at $2 per year, is a monthly publication of great worth. It is a kind of review of all those important subjects claiming the attention of the Theologian and Scholar, and will prove a valuable aid to all of our brethren who may choose to take it, to enable them clearly to comprehend the great principles embraced in the Reformation. The Christian Age is a weekly paper published in Cincinnati, Ohio, by the Christian Publication Society, at $1 50 per year; and is the medium of valuable information from all sections of the country, occupied by our brethren; and such of our brethren as may take the Age will be amply compensated for their funds paid for this paper. But it is to the Disciples' Miscellany, published by brother Walsh, at $1 per year, that we feel called upon especially to direct your attention. We would not advise any change in the Miscellany from its present form, price, and contents published in it. We regard it a valuable, yea, an indispensable auxiliary to our cause in N. C. We regret to learn that there are but 320 subscribers to it in this State. We do earnestly hope and request that our brethren will make greater efforts to get subscribers for it. Although this paper belongs exclusively to brother Walsh, yet it is of the same value to our cause, which we honestly believe to be the cause of Christ, as if it belonged to our Conference. Brethren take the Miscellany, and read it carefully, and at the end of the year we feel assured you will not regret the $1 you have paid for it.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. P. Dunn, Ch'n.

Elder Josephus Latham submitted the following report on the subject of Sunday Schools:

The importance of Sunday Schools no Christian, I presume, will pretend to doubt; as they have a tendency to draw the minds of children off from vicious pursuits on Lord's-day, and raise them to holier aspirations. But notwithstanding all the advantages to the rising generation which might be received from anti-sectarian schools, the "Disciples'' have neglected establishing any, and tamely submit their children to be taught by those who actually despise the doctrine we so much cherish. We therefore solicit our brethren to establish Sunday Schools, in which the true principles of the Bible may be taught.

Respectfully submitted,

Josephus Latham.

Received and adopted.

Brother Thomas Ward from the Committe on Finance submitted a report: That the contribution for the general fund was $51 00.

On motion, ordered that the sum of $4 be paid to Elder T. J. Latham for recording the proceedings of 1854 and 1855; and the balance of $47 00 be paid over to Elder Walsh, to defray the expenses of printing the Minutes.

On motion, it was agreed that Elder Walsh, in addition to printing the Minutes and reports in the Christian Preacher and Disciples' Miscellany, shall also print 1500 copies extra of the Minutes, and distribute them by mail or otherwise to the different churches.

The following resolution by Elder Walsh was received and adopted:

Resolved, That we earnestly recommend to all our churches the great importance of maintaining order and exercising gospel discipline, in order to the well-being of the churches, and the prosperity of the cause of Christ.

The following resolution, offered by elder Josephus Latham, was received and adopted:

Resolved, That we will not enter the name of any brother on the list of preaches unless said brother shall be recommended as a minister by the church of which he is a member.

The Committee raised on the subject of employing an Evangelist and ascertaining the amount already made up by the churches for this purpose, through their chairman brother King, submitted the following report, and asked to be discharged:

We, the undersigned Committee, to whom was referred the subject of employing an Evangelist for the next year and to ascertain the amounts which each church will contribute for the purpose of paying an Evangelist, have, so far as in our power, performed that duty, and beg leave to state that the following churches, through their delegates, have agreed to pay the following sums:

Elm Grove,	- -	$20 00
Wheat Swamp, Lenoir Co.	- -	40 00
Rose of Sharon, "	- -	15 00
Hookerton, Greene Co.	- -	30 00
Pleasant Grove, Wayne Co.	- -	4 00
Mill Creek,	- -	10 00
Rountree's,	- -	20 00
Antioch,	- -	30 00
Oak Grove,	- -	31 00
Total am't,		$200 00

We further beg leave to state, that there are other churches that are believed to be willing to contribute, but we are not authorized to state any definite amount.

We have also consulted with Elder A. J. Battle, who states that he will perform the duties of an Evangelist for the next year, for the sum of four hundred dollars.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. W. King, Ch'n.

Discharged accordingly.

The following resolution, submitted by Elder George Joyner, was received and unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That this Conference, and Co-operation meeting authorize brother Alfred Moye to act as their agent to receive the legacy left by the last will and testament of our lamented brother Jno. W. Gay for evangelizing purposes; and that he give the executor a receipt therefor.

Agreed by the Conference to employ Elder A. J. Battle as Evangelist, at the sum of three hundred dollars, the fund already reported by the Committee, and amount of legacy given by brother Gay, and such sums as the churches generally may feel willing to contribute to sustain an evangelist constantly in the field. Provided, that said evangelist shall not receive for his salary the preseut year an amount greater than $400, but shall report any addition over this amount, which shall be subject to future disposition.

On motion, agreed, that we send delegates to the Chowan Baptist Association to be held in May next; and that Elders Walsh, Neville and Joyner be appointed for that purpose.

Elder Josephus Latham submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches of our Conference that they receive no stranger as a preacher, unless he shows his credentials to one or more members of the church to which he desires to preach.

On motion, the thanks of the Conference was tendered to the inhabitants of Kinston and surrounding vicinity for their hospitality and kindness manifested to us during the setting of Conference; and to the proprietors of the Episcopal church for its use in transacting our business. Also to the Moderator and other officers of the Conference.

On motion, adjourned to meet at the time and place of holding our next Conference. Prayer by Elder Thomas J. Latham.

The stage was supplied with preachers, as follows: Elders Seth H. Tyson and George Joyner on, Friday; Elders John L. Clifton and Henry D. Cason, on Saturday; Elders Thomas J. Latham and John P. Dunn, on Lord's-day. There was preaching in the church by Elder Neville, on Thursday night, Elder Battle, Friday night, Elder Walsh on Saturday night, and Elder Gideon Allen on Sabbath at night.

SATURDAY, OCT. 20, 1855.

Prayer by Elder Hines, after which Elder John L. Clifton preached from Acts x: 42, 43. He was followed by Elder H. D. Cason, who preached from John xv: 9. Conclusion of services by Elder Hines.

LORD'S-DAY, OCT. 21, 1855.

Assembled in the Disciples' church, at 10 o'clock A. M. Breaking of the Loaf by Elder Walsh, after which Elder Thomas J. Latham addressed the audience at the stage, from Acts xvi: 30. The services at the stage were opened by Elder J. P. Neville.

After Elder Latham finished his discourse, a collection was taken up amounting to $21; fifteen of which were paid over to Elder Henry Smith, five to Elder G. Allen, and one to the Treasurer of the Kinston church, as the usual contribution for Lord's-day, for its current expenses.

Elder Dunn then addressed the audience, from Acts x: 42, 43. The meeting was closed by Elder Geo. Joyner.

LIST OF ELDERS AND PREACHERS,

WITH THEIR POST-OFFICES.

Henry Smith, Swift Creek Bridge, Craven Co., N. C.
John L. Clifton, Piney Grove, Sampson Co., N. C.
Benjamin Parrott, Kinston, Lenoir Co., N. C.
James R. Lewis, Piney Grove, Sampson Co., N. C.
John M. Gurganus, Plymouth, Washington Co., N. C.
Thomas J. Latham, Washington, Beaufort Co., N. C.
John P. Dunn, Kinston, Lenoir Co., N. C.
John A. Legget, Washington, Beaufort Co., N. C.
Willie Nobles, Greenville, Pitt Co., N. C.
William R. Fulshire, Newbern, Craven Co., N. C.
Seth H. Tyson, Pantego, Beaufort Co., N. C.
John H. Dillahunt, Trenton, Jones Co., N. C.
E. S. F. Giles, Trenton, Jones Co., N. C.
Thomas H. Bowen, Newbern, Craven Co., N. C.
John Dupree, Newton Grove, Sampson Co., N. C.
Henry Robinson, Williamston, Martin Co., N. C.
Henry D. Cason, Washington, Beaufort Co., N. C.
David H. Miller, Goldsboro, Wayne Co., N. C.
Josephus Latham, Kinston, Lenoir Co., N. C.
William Heath, Richlands, Onslow Co., N. C.
Gideon Allen, Marlborough, Pitt Co., N. C.
Peter E. Hines, Marlborough, Pitt Co., N. C.

George Joyner, Marlborough, Pitt Co., N. C.
John R. Winfield, Pantego, Beaufort Co., N. C.
Amos J. Battle, Wilson, Edgecombe Co., N. C.
John T. Walsh, Kinston, Lenoir Co., N. C.
Jesse P. Neville, Beaufort, Carteret Co., N. C.
John B. Respess, Bath, Beaufort Co., N. C.
Samuel L. Davis, Leachville, Hyde Co., N. C.*
John F. Mallett, Plymouth, Washington Co., N. C.*
Thomas M. Mizzle, Sladesville, Hyde Co., N. C.*

* The three last named were added at the present Conference.

A New Volume for 1856.

For good and sufficient reasons we shall commence a new volume, (Vol. IV,) on the first of January, 1856, so that hereafter the volume will commence and end with the year. We have been induced to do this, because many of our subscribers seem never to know when the volume ends. And, besides, the first number of the present volume (Vol. III,) is exhausted so that we cannot supply new subscribers with that number. All new subscribers from this date, will commence with the first of January, 1856, and the back Nos. of Vol. 3d will be given gratuitously to all who order them with Vol. IV, which commences Jan'y 1st, 1856.

TERMS.

All who have paid one dollar for Vol. III will receive Vol. IV by paying 50 cents additional to what they have paid, and their subscriptions will then expire December, 1856. Please remember this, and let each one who has paid to June, '56, send on 50 cents more to complete Vol. 4. All those who have *not* paid for Vol. 3, will send $1 50 cents, which will pay to December, 1856. Then, after 1856 all your subscriptions will begin and end with the year. And remember that hereafter we shall send no papers to any *new* subscriber, unless the money accompanies the order, or the Agent mes responsible for the subscription.

Our terms are one dollar for *twelve months*, strictly in advance, ☞And all those who do not desire to continue their papers to

December, 1856, will please notify me at once, or send them back to this office unsoiled. We have lost more than one hundred dollars by persons not notifying us in time. They have waited till they received three or four numbers, and have then refused to take them from the office. ☞ Remember this is a violation of the moral law. Make it a point of conscience to pay in advance for your paper, and always notify me before a Vol. expires, whether you wish it continued another year, and all these losses and difficulties will be avoided.

☞ Please read over these terms several times, and comply with them.

JNO. T. WALSH.

KINSTON, N. C., *Nov. 25th*, 1855.

MINUTES

OF

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE,

OF

THE DISCIPLES OF CHRIST,

HELD AT WHEAT SWAMP M. H.,

LENOIR COUNTY, N. C.

October 7th., 8th. and 9th., 1858.

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PROSPECTUS

OF THE

CHRISTIAN BAPTIST.

"One Lord, one faith, and one baptism."

The Conference having declined the continuation of the "Advocate," and knowing the absolute necessity of a periodical, devoted to primitive christianity, I have concluded to publish *The Christian Baptist*, which will be conservative in character, and devoted to the union of all Baptists, or immersed believers, on christian principles.

1. *The Christian Baptist* will be published monthly, and mailed to *cash paying* subscribers, *postage prepaid at this office*, at $2 per annum
2. The poor will be furnished with the paper at $1—☞*postage prepaid.*
3. No paper mailed to subscribers without the cash, unless the subscriber is known to the Editor, or some friend becomes responsible.
4. The first number (for January 1859) will, (*Deo volente*), appear in December. Brethren and friends, let us hear from you *at once*. Address,

DR. J. T. WALSH, Kinston, N. C.

N. B.—We assure the brethren, that we have taken such measures as will secure the *permanency* of our paper. Send in your names, &c.

J. T. W.

Nov. 1*st*, 1858.

MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The Annual Conference of the Disciples of Christ assembled at Wheat Swamp Meeting House, in Lenoir County, on Thursday before the 2nd. Lord's day in October, 1858.

According to previous appointment, the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Peter E. Hines, from the 10th verse of the 1st chapter of 1st Corinthians :—"*Now I beseech you brethren, by the name,*" *&c.*

The Conference was then organized by electing Elder Peter E. Hines Moderator, and appointing Elder Seth H. Tyson, Assistant Moderator ; Bro. Josephus Latham Clerk, and Reuben Barrow Assistant Clerk.

On motion, Brethren William Grimsley, Robert F. Hodges and William J. Bowen were appointed a Committee of Finance to receive contributions, and report the amount to this Conference.

On motion, Elder Benjamin Parrott, James Harper, and William Sutton, were appointed a Committee to supply the stage with preachers during the Conference.

On motion, Elder John P. Dunn, John T. Walsh, B. Parrott, John Dupre, and Thomas O. Tyson, were appointed a Committee on the order of business, who, after retiring a short time, reported through Elder John T. Walsh the following :—

1. Letters from the Churches.
2. Periodicals.
3. Sabbath Schools.
4. Co-operation and employment of Evangelists.
5. The revision and amendment of the Constitution.
6. Offering of Resolutions.
7. Time and place of holding the next Annual Meeting.

Table of Church Statistics.

Counties.	*Churches.*	DELEGATES.	Recd. by Letter.	Baptised.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	No. of Members.	Contributions'
Lenoir.	Wheat Swamp,	J. A. Hodges, W. White, M. B. Creech,			4			214	$3 00
do	Kinston,	Jas. M. Harper, M. W. Campbell,			1	2	1	65	5 00
do	Chris. Chapel,	Wm. A. Boyt, Jacob W. Lee,		1	1			33	1 00
do	Rose Sharon,	J.Kilpatrick, J.F.J.Sutton W.T.Mosely						27	1 50
Greene.	Hookerton,	F. W. Dixon, W. P. Grimsley,		1			4	57	1 50
do	Oak Grove,	A. Moye, A. Turnage, W. J. Moye,			1			102	3 00
Pitt.	Elm Grove,	J. McCotter, A. Edwards, S. Gardner,	1		2	1	2	176	
do	Rountree,	B. Brown, C. Cannon, Joseph Dixon,	2	9	1	6	1	80	1 50
do	Antioch,	By Letter.	1				1	121	3 00
do	Oak Grove,	(Not Represented.)							
Beaufort.	Old Ford,	R. T. Hodges, K. Woollard, N. B. Hodges	8	47	2	5	2	247	2 00
do	Tranter's Creek,	H. D. Cason,		19				72	1 00
do	Shiloh,	(Not Represented.)							
do	Union Chapel,	John Archibald,				2	3	93	1 00
do	Concord,	(Not Represented.)							
do	Pungo Chapel,	Thomas O. Tyson,				2		74	1 00
do	Beaver Dam,	By Letter.		5	3	1		62	30
do	Head of Pungo,	(Not Represented.)						20	
Martin.	Taylor's Chapel,	By Letter.	3	1		3			24
do	Welsh's Creek,	(Not Represented.)							
do	Christian Chapel	(Not Represented.)							
Craven.	Bethany,	By Letter.	2		1		4	67	1 50
do	Broad Creek,	Isaac P. Holten,		4				61	1 50
do	Bay Creek,	By Letter.	16	20				45	1 50
do	South River,	(Not Represented.)							
do	Little S. Creek,	Henry Gaskins, J. A. Askins,	4	15				32	1 50
do	Goose Creek,	By Letter.	17	4				35	1 50
do	Concord,	Jacob Edwards, Thomas Clark,	24	19	1			58	1 50
do	Alpha,	Benjamin F. May,		7				13	1 00
Jones.	Tuckyhoe,	William Huffman, Bryan H. Huffman,					1	60	1 00
do	Pleasant Hill,	James H. Kinsey, Moses Gooding,		13			2	63	
do	Chinq. Chapel,	David Green, S. McDaniel, B. Brown,		3	2	1	3	80	4 00
Johnston.	Mill Creek,	Jesse Summerlin, Spyers Best,		1		1	4	116	2 00
Sampson.	Six Run,	H.R.Giddings L.D.Giddings H.D.Lewis	2	3				129	2 00
do	Pleasant Union,	J. Britt, Uriah Hill, F. Westbrooks,	5	5		3	2	69	1 50
Onslow.	Half Moon,	Solomon Littleton, Isaac Hewet,	5	4			1	24	1 00
do	Jenkins' Chapel,	By Letter.					3	52	1 30
Edgecombe.	Otter Creek,	(Not Represented.							
Carteret.	Ware Creek,	(Not Represented.)							
Washington.	Swaines Grove,	(Not Represented.)							
do	Christian Hope,	By Letter.	5	3		2	1	67	1 00
do	Long Acre,	William J. Bowen,						15	75
Wayne,	Pleasant Grove,	William Britt. D. S. Hood,		2				17	1 00
Hyde.	Neal's Chapel,	(Not Represented.)						16	
			95	186	19	29	35	2462	51 10

Adjourned to meet to-morrow (Friday) at 10 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING, 10 o'clock, Oct. 8.—Conference met according to adjournment. Opened with prayer by Elder Seth H. Tyson, after which the Moderator appointed the following Committees :

1. Committee on Periodicals:—Alfred Moye, Wm. P. Grimsley, Caleb Cannon, Jno. P. Dunn, Josephus Latham.

2. Committee on Sunday Schools:—Jno. L. Clifton, Henry D. Cason, Thomas H. Bowen.

3. Committee on Co-operation:—John T. Walsh, Benj. Parrott, Henry D. Lewis.

4. Committee on Revision of Constitution:—John P. Dunn, John T. Walsh, Alfred Moye, Benj. Brown, Seth H. Tyson.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were offered by Eld. John T. Walsh, and unanimously adopted by the Conference:

1. *Resolved,* That we sincerely regret and reprobate the conduct of the church at Christian Hope in receiving A. J. Battle to membership, and licensing him to preach; and we earnestly hope the church will very soon vindicate her christian standing in reference to this matter, by taking such action as proper church order demands.

2. *Resolved,* That all the churches composing this Conference be, and they are hereby earnestly requested, in making out their statistics, to state the number of Males, Females and Coloured members separately, so that the number of each class respectively may be entered on the Minutes.

3. *Resolved,* As the sense of this Conference, for the sake of that hearty Co-operation which should obtain among us as christians, and for the sake of uniformity in all our religious exercises, That we regard the practice of calling penitents to a "mourner's bench" or "anxious seat," as unscriptural, contrary to the practice of the primitive christians, and as calculated to produce confusion in the churches, and to bewilder and mislead the penitents themselves.

The following resolution was offered by Eld. Josephus Latham, and adopted:

Whereas the churches composing this Conference have failed to ratify the Constitution (in its 7th article) by sending amounts necessary to employ evangelists, therefore,

Resolved, That the whole business of employing evangelists be left to the district Co-operations during the next year.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee on Periodicals.

The Committee on the subject of Periodicals have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report:—

We are duly sensible of the importance of the publication of a Periodical, ably conducted, as the "*Disciples' Advocate*" has been, to the propagation of the principles we profess: and we fondly hoped that the action of our last Conference would have placed it upon such a basis as to secure its permanancy—and usefulness—to the entire satisfaction of the Conference; and being under their control, would have been extensively patronized by the whole fraternity, and consequently would have borne lightly upon them pecuniarily. But experience has taught a portion at least, that we have been disappointed in our sanguine expectations, and that a few, comparatively speaking, have had to bear the greater portion of the burden consequent upon such undertaking. Therefore, however much we regret it, and after consultation with many of our brethren as to their feelings relative to the matter—we have come to the conclusion that it is inexpedient to continue its publication under the direction or control of Conference, and would respectfully suggest that if Elder John T. Walsh will publish a paper as referred to in the last number of the "Advocate," we would recommend the same to the favorable consideration of the Conference, and hope it would receive that support which we are conscious it would merit

The Committee on Periodicals to whom was referred the Report of Elder John T. Walsh, Editor of the "Disciples' Advocate," with the account of receipts and expenditures, have had the subject under consideration, and report as follows :—

We find, that the whole amount of expenditures, as the items of said account exhibits, to be		$427 00
And that the receipts as stated therein up to the date of Conference to be	$364 00	
And that during Conference he received from individuals, . .	15 00	
From the church at Rountree's, through brother Caleb Cannon, .	10 00	
From the church at Antioch, through Elder Peter E. Hines, . .	10 00	
Making the total amount received, ...		$399 00
Leaving yet due for actual expenditures*		$28 00
Cash received, ...	$2 00	
		$26 00

We learn that there is probably due from individual subscription yet unpaid a small sum* but to what amount we have not been enabled correctly to ascertain.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED MOYE,
JOSEPHUS LATHAM,
CALEB CANNON,
J. P. DUNN,
} *Committee.*

Report on Sabbath Schools.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to report :

That we have carefully and prayerfully considered the subject of Sabbath Schools to be kept at our several churches, belonging to this Conference, and deem it very important that they should be patronized by our brethren at large: Therefore, be it

Resolved, That we recommend to the clerks of our several churches to present a subscription to the community at large to make up a sufficient amount of money to purchase a Sabbath School Library, which we suppose will cost about ten dollars; and for that Library to be the common property of the church where the money was made up.

Resolved, That we do most earnestly recommend to our brotherhood, and especially to our young brothers and sisters, to take a deep interest in the matter, so that it may prove a blessing to the community.

H. D. CASON,
T. H. BOWEN,
J. L. CLIFTON,
} *Committee.*

Moved, that a Committee be appointed to examine the petitions of Ministers applying for admission into this Conference; and that Elder John P. Dunn, Dr. John T. Walsh, Elder John Dupre, Henry D. Lewis, and Elder Benjamin Parrott, compose said Committee. They made the following report :—

The Committee to whom was referred the admission of Ministers and churches from other denominations, beg leave to report in reference to Elder William Harris and the churches represented by him, That this Conference cordially reciprocates the good feeling and christian regard of these brethren, and recognize them as with us upon the condition that the churches represented by Elder Harris, shall, at our next session, represent themselves by their delegates, at which time they will be fully received, and their names enrolled on the Minutes.

J. P. DUNN, *Chairman.*

The Committee on Elder Rayfield's application to become a member of this Conference, begs leave to report :—

That in consequence of his being unwell and leaving, we recommend that his application be laid over till the next Annual Meeting.

J. P. DUNN, *Chairman.*

Adjourned to meet Saturday at 10 o'clock.

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* The Conference made up the above deficiency, and on motion, agreed that any subscriptions paid in hereafter, the Editor should appropriate to his own private use.

SATURDAY MORNING, OCT. 9TH., 10 O'CLOCK.—Met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Thomas H. Bowen.

The Committee on the revision of the Constitution, made the following report:—

> From an enquiry made of the delegates representing the several churches, we learn that but very few of them have had the subject placed fairly before them for ratification, as contemplated by the action of the former Coference: Therefore, we do not consider the Constitution as binding upon us until sanctioned by the churches. And viewing this as a subject that should be duly considered, we do not think we have sufficient time to deliberate on so important a matter. We would, therefore, recommend that a committee be appointed who shall take all the circumstances connected with the subject under consideration, and report the result of their deliberations to the next Conference. J. P. DUNN, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Finance Committee made the following report:—

TREASURER,		
To Annual Conference		Dr.
For contributions last year,	$48 70	
" " this year,	51 10	
	$99 80	
Contra.		
By amount paid J. T. Walsh for Minutes,		$46 20
" " " Josephus Latham for copying,		2 50
		$48 70
Balance on hand,	$51 10	

WM. P. GRIMSLEY,
WM. J. BOWEN, *Committee.*
R. F. HODGES,

On motion, Agreed that Bro. Wm. P. Grimsley be appointed General Treasurer of this Conference.

Moved and adopted, That 2000 copies of the Minutes be printed, and distributed as usual, and that the funds in hand be paid to Dr. Walsh for that object.

On motion, the name of Elder Henry Smith, deceased, was stricken from the list of preachers.

On motion, agreed that the name of brother John J. Coltrain be enrolled the list of preachers.

On motion, agreed that brethren Gideon Allen, Jno. T. Walsh, Wm P. Grimsley, Josephus Latham, Alfred Moye, John P. Dunn, and Seth H. Tyson, be a Committee to revise the Constitution, and report at the next Annual Meeting.

On motion, agreed that the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the intants of this vicinity, for their kindness and hospitality.

Resolved, That brethren Josephus Latham and John T. Walsh be appointed delegates to the general meeting of the Disciples in Virginia.

Resolved, That we take up a collection on to-morrow (Lords day), for the use of the Conference.

On motion agreed that the next Session of this Conference be held with the church at Elm Grove, Pitt co., and that it commence on Thursday before the 2d. Lord's day in October, 1859.

Moved and carried, that bro. Seth H. Tyson preach the Introductory Sermon, and on his failure brother Josephus Latham.

On motion, agreed that a vote of thanks be tendered to the officers of this body, for the faithful discharge of their duties.

Conference then closed after a solemn address and prayer by the Moderator.

PETER E. HINES, *Moderator*,
SETH H. TYSON, *Asst. Moderator*.

Josehhus Latham, Clerk,
Reuben Barrow, Assistant.

List of Elders and Preachers with their Post Offices.

1. John T. Walsh,	Kinston,	Lenoir	County,	N. C.
2. John P. Dunn,	do	do	do	do
3. Benjamin Parrott,	do	do	do	do
4. John L. Clifton,	Piney Grove,	Sampson	do	do
5. James R. Lewis,	do	do	do	do
6. John M. Gurganus,	Plymouth,	Beaufort	do	do
7. Thomas J. Latham,	Washington,	do	do	do
8. Henry D. Cason,	do	do	do	do
9. John A. Leggett,	do	do	do	do
10. William R. Fulshire,	Newbern,	Craven	do	do
11. Thomas H. Bowen,	do	do	do	do
12. Seth H. Tyson,	Pantego,	Beaufort	do	do
13. John R. Winfield,	do	do	do	do
14. John H. Dillahunt,	Trenton,	Jones	do	do
15. E. S. F. Giles,	do	do	do	do
16. John Dupre,	Newton Grove,	Sampson	do	do
17. Henry Robinson,	Williamston,	Martin	do	do
18. David H. Miller,	Goldsboro,	Wayne	do	do
19. William Heath,	Richlands,	Onslow	do	do
20. Gideon Allen,	Marlboro,	Pitt	do	do
21. Peter E. Hines,	do	do	do	do
22. George Joyner,	do	do	do	do
23. John B. Respess,	Hunter's Bridge,	do	do	do
24. Josephus Latham,	Greenville,	do	do	do
25. Samuel L. Davis,	Leachville,	Beaufort	do	do
26. Thomas M. Mizzell,	Sladesville,	Hyde	do	do
27. Wm. H. Hughart,	Wilson,	Wilson	do	do
28. Henry Wilkes,	Pleasant Mt.,	Pitt	do	do
29. Stanly Ayers.*				
30. John J. Coltrain.*				

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* Post Office not known to J. T. W.

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MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST,

HELD AT

PLEASANT HILL, JONES COUNTY, N. C.,

ON THE

9th, 10th and 11th Days of October, 1862.

GOLDSBORO, N. C.
1862.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

According to previous appointment, the Annual Conference of the Disciples of Christ, assembled with the Church at Pleasant Hill, Jones County, North Carolina, on Thursday before the 2nd Lords day in Oct., 1862:

The Introductory discourse was delivered by Elder G. Allen, from 2nd chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians.

After which on motion, proceeded to ballot for the officers. Bro. J. Brown and ——— were appointed to superintend the balloting. J. Brown reported, on counting the votes, a majority had been cast as follows: for Moderator, Peter E. Hines, assistant Moderator, Cyrus Brown, for Clerk, Caleb Cannon, assistant Clerk, J. Brown. The report was received and concurred in, and the officers entered on their duties respectively.

On motion Caleb Cannon was elected Treasurer.

Owing to the non-attendance of the delegates from the diferent churches to-day the Moderator omitted the oppointment of the usual committees until to-morrow.

On motion of Bro. J. Brown, Conference adjourned until to-morrow, 10 o'clock. Prayer and praise by Elder Heath.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 10th, 1862.

Conference met according to adjournment, and was called to order by the Moderator. After prayer and singing, by request the proceedings of the previous day were read and approved; when the regular order of business was taken up in the following manner:

The Moderator appointed and announced the following committees viz:

1st. On the order of business: Elders G. Allen, W. Heath, and Bros. B. Turner and J. Brown.

2nd. Committee on Finance, Bros. Ivy Fordham, Jesse Hart and R. L. Forrest.

3rd. Committee to supply the stage with Preachers: Bros. R. L. Forrest, J. Hart and W. G. Fordham.

The committee on business after retiring a short time for consultation, submitted the following report:

1st. Calling of the churches.

2nd. Sunday Schools.

3rd. Miscellaneous Business.

On motion the report was received and the committee discharged.

The committee to supply the stage, reports that Elders Allen and W. Heath to preach on Friday to the congregation.

The Moderator appointed as committee on Sunday Schools, Bro's. Simon Hodges and C. Brown.

On motion, it was agreed to call over the list of Churches.

(Note.—Owing to the disturbed condition of our Country, the representation of the Churches comprising this Conference is very incomplete, aud will not appear well in a tabular form. It is thought better, therefore, to give the condition of the state of the Churches in the following manner:)

Wheat Swamp, Lenoir, represented by Noah Rouse, W. Canady and S. E. Hodges. Received by Letter 2, Died 1, White Males 46, White Females 66, Colored 4; Total number of members 116. Contributions $5.

Kinston, Lenoir, not represented. Total number of members 75.

Christian Chapel, Lenoir, not represented. Total membership 31.

Shady Grove, Jones, represented by H. B. Wren and G. P. Cox. Died 1; Total number of members 48. Contributions $2

Pleasant Hill, Jones, represented by Ivy Fordham, S. Gooding and J. Brown. White Males 20, White Females 26, Colored 19. Total membership, 65. Contribution $5.

Chinquepin Chapel, Jones, represented by Cyrus Brown and Benjamin Turner. Died 1; Total membership 84. Contribution $4.

Tuckahoe, Jones, represented by F. K. Turner and B. H. Huffman.—Baptised 1, Died 1; Total membership 60. Contribution $1.

Hookerton, Greene, not represented. Total membership 54. (Contributions paid to Clerk, $3.)

Antioch, Pitt, represented by Elder Peter E. Hines. Died 2, White Males 26, White Females 42, Colored 36; Total number of members 100. Contributions $5.

Fellow's Chapel, Pitt, not represented. Total number of members 236. (Contribution paid to Clerk, $2.)

Rountree's, Pitt, represented by R. L. Forrest, J. Hart and J. Dixon Baptised 5, Died 3; Total membership 75. Contribution $3.

Oak Grove, Greene, not represented. Total membership 92.

Weir Creek, Carteret, not represented. Total membership 50.

Otter's Creek, Edgecombe, not represented. Total membership 13

Mill Creek. Johnston, not represented. Total membership 158.

Jenkins' Chapel, Onslow, represented by Jas. J. Mashberne and H. B. Mashberne. Baptised 4, Dismissed 13, Died 1, White Males 16, White Females 40, Colored 5. Contribution $1 30.

Half Moon, Onslow, not represented. Total membership 20.

Brown's School House, Onslow, represented by J. Garman and R. Garman. Received by Letter 16, Baptised 3; Total membership 19.—Contribution 50 cents.

The Churches in Craven County were not represented. The total membership of the seven Churches in Craven, as taken from the Minutes of last year, is 296.

The Churches in Sampson County were not represented. The total membership of the five Churches in Sampson, as per last year's Minutes, is 441. (A contribution of $5 15 was sent to the Clerk by Elder Josephus Latham from the Church at Six Runs, Sampson.)

The nine Churches in Beaufort County were not represented. Total membership of all 631.

Long Acre, Washington County, not represented. Total number of members 21.

The three Churches in Martin County were not represented. Total membership of the Churches 129.

Neill's Chapel, Hyde, not represented. Membership 16.

Pleasant Grove, Wayne, not represented. Membership 16.

The total membership of the Churches (including those not represented, the statistics of which are taken from the Minutes of 1861) is 2,911.

Amount of contributions by the Churches this year,	$36 95
Received of Elder J. Latham, after paying for Minutes of 1861, (through politeness of Elder Allen,) - -	11 25
Received of Eld. P. E. Hines, from some good brother,	75
Total amount, - - - - - - - -	$48 95

On motion, H. B. Wren and G. P. Cox be admitted and invited to take seats as delegates from Shady Grove Church, (Jones county,) in this Conference.

On motion agreed that the Church at Brown's School House, Onslow county, N. C., be admitted into this Conference.

On motion and agreed that the name of Elder Thomas J. Latham be discontinued on the minutes on account of his death.

On motion, Elder John A. Leggett be appointed and requested to prepare a biographical life and sketch of the lamented Elder Thomas J. Latham, deceased and report the same to the next Conference.

On motion, *Resolved,* That Bro. John J. Harper's name be enrolled on the list of Preachers of this conference, he having been recommended by his church to this conference.

Elder Josephus Latham having been appointed to prepare a biographical sketch of the excellent J. H. Dillahunt, deceased, to be presented to this Conference, was on motion, allowed until next Conference, with request to report then.

On motion of Bro J. Brown, Caleb Cannon was instructed to transcribe and prepare the minutes of the present Conference for the press, and after some discussion about the number to have printed, it was on motion of J. Brown, resolved that said Cannon be invested with discretionary power, as to the number to have printed and distributed.

On motion the next conference was appointed to be held with the church at Wheat Swamp, Lenoir county, N. C., to commence on Thursday before the 2nd Lords day in Oct. 1863.

On motion, Elder Peter E. Hines, was appointed to preach the introductory and Elder George Joyner his alternate.

The committee to supply the stage, reports that Elders Gideon Allen, and Heath, to preach on Saturday to the congregation, and that Elder P. E. Hines is to preach on Sunday. Report received, and on motion, the committee was discharged from further duty.

Nothing before conference, on motion agreed to adjourn until to-morrow 10 o'clock. The Moderator called on Elder Allen to close by singing and prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, Oct 11th. 1862.

Conference met according to adjournment. Prayer and praise by the Moderator. The proceedings of the previous day were read and approved.

On motion, the committee of Finance ask leave to report, and submitted the following, viz:

From the Churches as contributions this Conference, - -	$26 80
To amount for Evangelizing in hands of Treasurer, - -	$12 85

See minutes (1860,) for Finance committee's Report.

Respectfully submitted, &c.

CALEB CANNON, Treasurer.

Report received, and on motion, the committee was discharged,

Respectfully submitted,

IVY FORDHAM,
J. HART,
R. L. FORREST,
Committee.

On motion the Clerk was instructed to receive the amount of contributions of this conference, and retain the same in his hands to be applied to the defraying of the expenses of printing and distributing the minutes of this Conference.

The committee on Sunday schools failed to report for want of time, and as a substitute the Moderator gave an interesting lecture to all present, advising them to train up their children in the way they should walk. It was listened to with marked attention.

On motion of Elder Allen, *Resolved*, That this Conference do hereby tender their thanks to the members of Pleasant Hill, and to the citizens of this neighborhood for their great kindness and hospitality, extended towards us during our stay with them; also to the officers of this conference for the faithful discharge of their duties; also that Conference do now adjourn to time and place above designated,—whereupon the Moderator rose and with the feelings of a parent gave a short but appropriate exortation to the delegates, and all present, exorting them to be steadfast in their Christian duties, that should we meet no more in Conference capacity, let each one prepare to meet in our Father's House, where parting will be no more, which seemed to be received with warm hearts.

Brother Allen's motion now prevailed, and the Moderator called on Elder Heath, (who is ever willing to do his duty,) to close by signing and prayer, after which the Moderator under the above motion, declared Conference to be adjourned, to meet at the time and place designated.

PETER E. HINES, Moderator,
CYRUS BROWN, Assistant.

CALEB CANNON, Clerk,
ISAAC BROWN, Assistant Clerk.

Remarks.

Brother Allen, as will be seen, was appointed to preach on Saturday, which he done in the House after conference had closed; from the 4th chapter of St. John; confined his remarks to the 29th verse. His discourse was listened to with marked attention. After he had concluded his discourse, he came down out of the stand, gave the waiting congregation a warm and feeling exortation, opened a door for the reception of penitent believers, when one good lady came forward and made the good confession. After which, Elder Heath was to preach. (We had to leave for home, but we have no doubt but he done his duty in the good cause.)

On Sunday, Oct. 12th, Elder Hines was to preach by appointment.—We learn that after preaching, another good lady came forward and made the good confession, and with the one who came forward on Saturday, were baptized by Elder Hines on Sunday. By this it appears that the good spirit was present.

May we not hope that the crisis of the times will be so that all the preaching brethren, together with delegates from all of our churches, may feel constrained to be at the next conference to partake of the same good spirit.

The printing of the minutes has been delayed a short time, until I could see several of the churches, and obtain from them a contribution to make a sufficiency.

CLERK.

LIST OF ELDERS AND PREACHERS, WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

1	John T. Walsh,	Kinston,	Lenoir Co.,	N. C.
2	James R. Lewis,	Piney Grove,	Sampson	do
3	Henry D. Caison,	Washington,	Beaufort	do
4	John A. Legget,	Washington,	Beaufort	do
5	William R. Fulshire,	Newbern,	Craven	do
6	Thomas H. Bowen,	Newbern,	Craven	do
7	Seth H. Tyson,	Pantego,	Beaufort	do
8	John R. Winfield,	Washington,	Beaufort	do
9	Henry Robinson,	Williamston,	Martin,	do
10	David H. Miller,	Goldsboro,	Wayne,	do
11	William Heath,	Richlands,	Onslow,	do
12	Gideon Allen,	Marlboro,	Pitt	do
13	Peter E. Hines,	Marlboro,	Pitt,	do
14	George Joyner,	Marlboro,	Pitt,	do
15	John B. Respess,	Hunter's Bridge,	Beaufort,	do
16	Josephus Latham,	Monk's Store,	Sampson,	do
17	Samuel L. Davis,	Leachville,	Beaufort,	do
18	Henry Wilks,	Greenville,	Pitt,	do
19	Stanly Ayres,	Williamston,	Martin,	do
20	John J. Coltrain,	Jonesville,	Martin,	do
21	William Harris,	Hawley's Store,	Sampson,	do
22	J. W. P. Holton,	Newbern,	Craven,	do
23	John J. Harper,	Johnston County, N. C.		

The above list is taken from the Minutes of last conference.

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MINUTES

OF

THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST,

Held at Wheat Swamp M. H., Lenoir County, October 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th, 1863.

The Annual Conference of the Disciples of Christ, assembled with the Church at Wheat Swamp M. H., in Lenoir County, N. C., on Thursday before the 2d Lord's Day in October, 1863.

According to previous appointment, the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Peter E. Hines, from Isaiah, 1st chapter, 18th verse: "Come now and let us reason together," &c.

The Conference was then organized by electing Elder Gideon Allen, Moderator, and Brother Jacob McCotter, Assistant; Brother Caleb Cannon, Clerk, and Brother W. J. Moye, Assistant Clerk.

The report was received and concurred in, and the officers entered on their duties respectively.

On motion, Brother C. Cannon was re-elected Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees, viz: On the Order of Business, Elder P. E. Hines, and Brethren W. Kenida and J. Murphrey.

On Finance, Brethren P. Hardy, W. G. Lang and D. B. Hood.

On Sabbath Schools, Elders P. E. Hines, J. Latham and Brother W. J. Moye.

To supply the stage with Preachers, Bros. W. Sutton, R. L. Forest and A. Edwards.

The Committee on the Order of Business, after retiring a few minutes, submitted the following report:

1. Calling of the Churches.
2. Sabbath Schools.
3. Miscellaneous business.

Respectfully submitted,

P. E. HINES, *Chairman.*

The report was received, and on motion, the Committee were discharged.

The Committee to supply the stage, report Elders P. E. Hines and J. J. Harper to preach on Friday. (Elder Hines being too unwell, Elder Miller occupied his time on Friday.)

On motion of Elder Hines, Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock. Prayer and praise by Elder Harper.

Friday, Oct. 9th.—Conference met according to adjournment, and opened with prayer by Elder Hines; after which, the proceedings of the previous day were read and accepted, and the Conference proceeded to business.

On motion, Brethren F. M. Harper from Kinston Church, and Henry B. Wren, from Shady Grove, be invited to take seats in Conference, and participate in its deliberations.

On motion, it was agreed to call on the list of Churches, and the following table will exhibit their statistics:

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Received.	Baptised.	Excluded.	Died.	No. of Members.	Contributions.
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	W. Kenida, W. Sutton, P. Hardy,				8	111	$10
Kinston,	do	F. M. Harper,					75	10
Hookerton,	Greene,	J. L. Murphrey and F. W. Dixon,				3	45	10
Antioch,	Pitt,	W. G. Lang, J. H. Hines, S. Belcher				2	89	14
Corinth,	do	W. J. Moye, W. Joyner, W. S. Darden					30	10
Fellows' Chapel,	do	J. McCotter, A. Edwards, C. Stokes,	1			5	226	10
Rountree's,	do	J. Dixon, R. L. Forest, C. Cannon,				6	65	5
Oak Grove,	do	Reported by Elder J. J. Harper,		21			114	
Shady Grove,	Jones,	H. B. Wren,					48	2
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	By Letter,		4	2	6	93	5
Six Runs,	do	do		7		3	169	10
Shady Grove,	do	do					83	5
Harnett,	do	Not Represented,					49	
Hall's Chapel,	do	By Letter,					47	8
Mill Creek,	Johnston,	M. W. Harper,	5	23		5	171	10
Concord,	Beaufort,	Reported by Elder J. Latham,	2	16			109	
Pleasant Grove,	Wayne,	D. B. Hood and W. Britt,		30			56	5
Pleasant Hill,	Jones,	Not Represented,					65	
Chinquapin,	do	do					85	
Tuckahoe,	do	do					60	
Christian chapel,	Lenoir,	do					31	
Rose of Sharon,	do	do					28	
Weer Creek,	Carteret,	do					50	
Otter's Creek,	Edgecomb,	do					13	
Little Swift creek	Craven,	do					30	
Broad Creek,	do	do					60	
Bethany,	do	do					67	
Bay Creek,	do	do					45	
Concord,	do	do					50	
South River,	do	do					22	
Goose Creek,	do	do					32	
Long Acre,	Washington,	do					21	
Neill's Chapel,	Hyde,	do					16	
Old Ford,	Beaufort,	do					198	
Tranter's Creek,	do	do					90	
Beaver Dam,	do	do					61	
Pungo Chapel,	do	do					77	
Head of Pungo,	do	do					25	
Concord,	do	do					91	
Shiloh,	do	do					40	
Union Chapel,	do	do					49	
Union Hope,	do	do						
Welsh's Creek,	Martin,	do					53	
Taylor's Chapel,	do	do					24	
Christian Chapel,	do	do					52	
Jenkins' Chapel,	Onslow,	do					76	
Half Moon,	do	do					20	
			8	101	2	38	3111	$114

☞ The whole number of the Churches not represented, is taken from the Minutes of 1861.

On motion, agreed that the name of the Church worshipping at Oak Grove, Greene County, be changed to Corinth, Pitt County.

The Committee to supply the stage, report Elders J. Latham and G. Joyner to preach on Saturday, and Dr. J. T. Walsh and G. Allen, to preach on Lord's Day.

The Committee on Finance reported as follows:

Amount left after paying for the Minutes last year,	$ 18 35
Amount received at this Conference,	114 00
Whole amount on hand,	$132 35

The Committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to refer the Conference to a previous report.

Elder J. Latham, who was appointed to prepare a Biographical Sketch of Elder John H. Dillahunt, presented it to the Conference, and on motion, it was re-committed to him, and that he present it to the next Conference.

Elder J. A. Legget, who was appointed by last Conference to prepare a Biography of Elder Thomas J. Latham, having failed to report, on motion, Dr. J. T. Walsh was appointed in his stead, to prepare the same, and present it to the next Conference.

On motion, Elder George Joyner was appointed to prepare a Biographical Sketch of our excellent Brother, Alfred Moye, and present it to the next Conference.

On motion, Elder John J. Harper was appointed to write a Biographical Sketch of the life of Elder James R. Lewis, and present to our next Conference.

On motion, agreed that Elder J. J. Harper transcribe the Minutes of this Conference, up to the present time, into the Conference Book.

On motion, ordered that Brethren W. J. Moye, Jacob McCotter and Joseph Dixon, be appointed the Evangelical Committee.

On motion, Elder J. J. Harper was appointed Travelling Evangelist for the ensuing year, and to receive $500 for his services, and also, all that the different churches and individuals may contribute.

On motion, Elder Josephus Latham was appointed to write a Circular Letter to be attached to these Minutes.

On motion, Elder J. J. Harper was appointed to transcribe the Minutes, prepare them for the press, have 300 copies printed, and distribute them to the several Churches, according to the number of members.

Ordered, that the Treasurer pay over to Elder Harper, the amount on hand, for the purpose of printing and distributing the Minutes.

On motion, the list of Preachers was called over, and the name of Elder J. R. Lewis was erased, in consequence of his death.

On motion, agreed that our next Annual Conference be held with the Church at Hookerton, Greene County, N. C., to commence on Thursday before the 2d Lord's Day in October, 1864.

Dr. John T. Walsh was appointed to preach the Introductory Discourse, and Elder J. Latham, his Alternate.

On motion, the thanks of this Conference be tendered to the citizens of this community, for their great kindness and hospitality during our stay with them.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at the time and place designated. Prayer and praise by Dr. Walsh.

On Saturday and Sunday, the 10th and 11th of October, the appointed Ministers preached to large and attentive congregations.

G. ALLEN, MODERATOR.
J. McCOTTER, *Ass't. Mod.*

C. CANNON, *Clerk.*
W. J. MOYE, *Ass't. Clerk.*

List of Elders and Preachers with their Post Offices.

1. JOHN T. WALSH,	Kinston,	Lenoir County,	N. C.
2. HENRY D. CASON,	Pactolus,	Pitt,	"
3. JOHN A. LEGGETT,	Pactolus,	Pitt,	"
4. WM. R. FULSHIRE,	Newbern,	Craven,	"
5. THOS. H. BOWEN,	Newbern,	Craven,	"
6 SETH H. TYSON,	Pantego,	Beaufort,	"
7. JOHN R. WINFIELD,	Pactolus	Pitt,	"
8. HENRY ROBINSON,	Williamston,	Martin,	"
9. DAVID H. MILLER,	Goldsboro',	Wayne,	"
10. WILLIAM HEATH,	Richlands,	Onslow,	"
11. GIDEON ALLEN,	Marlboro',	Pitt,	"
12. PETER E. HINES,	Marlboro',	Pitt,	"
13. GEORGE JOYNER,	Marlboro',	Pitt,	"
14. JOHN B. RESPASS,	Hunter's Bridge,	Beaufort,	"
15. JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Newton Grove,	Sampson,	"
16. SAMUEL L. DAVIS,	Leachville,	Beaufort,	"
17. HENRY WILKS,	Pleasant Mount,	Pitt,	"
18. STANLY AYERS,	Williamston,	Martin,	"
19. JOHN J. COLTRAIN,	Jamesville,	Martin,	"
20. WILLIAM HARRISS,	Newton Grove,	Sampson,	"
21. JOHN J. HARPER,	Bentonsville.	Johnston,	"

CIRCULAR.

Amicus. I understand that the Churches composing the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina, profess to have no creed except the New Testament.

B. You have been rightly informed. Christ is a King, and has a right to make his own laws, and this he has done, which have been furnished us by his own inspired writers, and any departure is an infringement upon them, and implies that we are wiser than the Apostles themselves, for what else could ever make us wish any other law: As the Scriptures alone answered for the Ancient Christians during the first three hundred years, and they were the purest and most successful days of the Church of Christ.

A. The Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, &c.. all need their creeds to govern their respective Churches, and they keep the line of demarkation from being withdrawn.

B. That is where the great harm lies in keeping the people of God apart, for Christ prayed that they might be *one.* But the Baptist cannot unite on the Methodist creed, and *vice versa.* So let all human creeds be done away, and come to the Bible alone, "which is able to make us wise unto salvation."

A. Still we need a creed to govern the members of the church.

B. Paul says, "the Scriptures are able to make us wise unto salvation, and are profitable for *doctrine*, for reproof, and for instruction in righteousness, to make the *man of God perfect and thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*" And if this be so, it is not possible for man to be made any better, if we had a hundred creeds. The bad state of any church is not the fault of our book of discipline, but the want of administering its wholesome precepts and examples.

A. You preach a different doctrine from the sects around you, so that you are not even considered orthodox—indeed they say yours is a dangerous doctrine.

B. So Christ preached different from the Rabbis, but that does not prove that he was wrong, and neither does our differing from those around us prove us not right, for we can compare as favorably with the Bible as any people in the world, so far as the doctrine is concerned.

A Some think you are wrong because you do not preach unconditional election, that Christ covenanted with the Father before the foundation of the world, to save a certain portion of mankind, and that the number of the elect can neither be increased nor diminished.

B. Now that doctrine is not in the Bible, but the following which we teach is, "That God so loved the world, that he sent his Son that he might save them that believe in him. Christ gave himself a propitiation for the sins of the *whole* world." "It is a saying worthy of all acceptation, that Christ came to save sinners." "We see Jesus made a little lower than the Angels, crowned with glory and honor, that he by the grace of God should taste death for *every man.*"

A. But they think you are wrong in supposing man has the *power to come to Christ,* as there is no power to believe until the *naked* spirit of God operates upon the *naked* spirit of man, and enables him to believe.

B. On this subject you will find us more in accordance with the Bible than your objector, this position assumed by others, makes man nothing more than an automaton—an image which moves merely as it is moved, and consequently he would not be responsible for unbelief; for if he be helpless until the *naked spirit* of God operates upon his *naked spirit,* then if he never believes it is not his fault. Christ said the "Comforter that he would send to them the world *could not receive.*" Now whom are we to believe, others or Christ?

A. Christ says when he is come into the world, he will reprove the world of sin, &c.

B. Which simply meant, when the disciples had received him, he would convince the world through them or their word, as he did on the day of Pentecost. "The Gospel is the *power* of God unto salvation." "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." "Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature, he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." So you see, so far we accord with the Bible.

A. Some tell us you never even require an experience, nor a dream to be told by a candidate for baptism, but a simple confession of the name of Christ.

B. Suppose we do, we should only be imitating the Ancient Disciples. You will find by referring to the case of the Eunuch, that after he had heard the word of the Lord, while riding with Phillip, he came to a certain water and said, here is water, what doth hinder me to be baptized? He was told that if he believed with all his heart he might, and he answered, "I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God." And they both went down *into* the water and he baptized him. We try to imitate the example of inspired teachers. This accords with the Saviour's instructions, when he said he would build his Church upon the proposition that he was the Son of God. "Whom say ye that I am?" said Jesus; and Peter answered, "Thou art the Christ the Son of God." Christ then said, "Thou art Peter (Petros,) and upon this rock (Petra,) I will build my Church." ☞ Not upon Peter, but upon the truth which he professed.

A. But I have heard that you teach that Baptism alone saves an individual.

B. This too is entirely a mistake. We neither believe nor teach anything resembling it: but insist that without faith it is impossible to serve God. But we do teach, that faith without *works* is dead, being alone. In order then to the remission of sin, we teach that the blood of Christ is the *procuring cause;* but that faith, repentance, confession and baptism, are the *means* of applying his blood to our cases—hence to the unbeliever the command is to believe; to the believer the command is to repent and be baptized *for* the remission of *sins*; to the true penitent believer, the command is to be baptized; to the christian, the command is to work *out your* salvation. Now if this position can be demonstrated by the Bible, we are right:

1st. The command is to believe. Now turn to the case of the jailor, he had never heard the Gospel, and when he put Paul and Silas into the prison, they were smarting under pains received from his lash, but in the still hours of night, they sang praises to God, and soon the prison was thrown open and was tottering to its foundation. The jailor awoke, and seeing the doors open would have killed himself, but Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, "Do thyself no harm, for we are *all here*." And he called for a light, and sprang in, and came trembling, and fell down before Paul and Silas; and brought *them out* and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved and thy house. And they spake the word to him and them in his house, and he and his were baptized straightway.

2nd. To the believer the command is to repent and be baptized for the remission of *s-i-n-s*, not sin, as some teach.

A. But some say the Greek word *eis* means "because of," remission.

B. Notice, that repentance and baptism are connected by the conjunction "and," and if baptism was "because of," repentance must have been; then you would be supposing a case of a man's repenting because his sins were pardoned!

3rd. The command to the penitent believer, is to be baptized. The case of Paul is in point. He was once a persecutor of God's people, was going to Damascus for the purpose, but he heard a voice saying, "Saul, Saul, why persecuteth thou me!" He answered, "who art thou Lord," and he said, "I am Jesus whom thou persecuteth." And Paul said, "what wilt thou have me to do." Christ said, "go to Damascus and it shall be told you." Saul went a deeply penitent believer, and you will notice was not told to believe nor repent, because he had done both, but he was told to be baptized and *wash away his sins*. Notice *s-i-n-s*; but we are not to suppose that water washes off sins as it does dirt from our bodies, but sin is a moral evil, and is forgiven by God through Christ, when we believe, repent, confess and are baptized. Paul says, "God be thanked that ye were the servants of sin, but yet have obeyed from the heart that *form* of doctrine delivered you, being *then* made free from sin." Can language be more explicit?

A. Why is it that no one has ever thought baptism connected with remission, except the members of your church?

B. In this you are much mistaken. Read Mr. Wesley's note on the baptism of Paul—he says, "Baptism administered to *real* penitents is both the means and *seal of *pardon, nor did God ordinarily,* in the Primitive Church, bestow it upon any, unless through these means."—Notes on Acts xxii, 16 v. And I might show numbers of others, among them the framers of the Methodist Discipline In a copy dated A. D., 1829, you may find, "Grant that these persons coming to thy Holy Baptism, may receive the remission of sins."

A. I have heard your doctrine called dangerous.

B. By them, verily, who teach that faith alone saves, but it has always been mysterious how faith alone can save, and a man who has believed, repented, confessed and has been baptised, can be unsaved.

A. What is the reason why you are not willing to be called by the name Christian Baptist, Campbellite, or something of the kind?

B. There are a number of reasons Christ never said he would build a Campbellite Church nor Christian Baptist Church, but said he would build *his* Church—then Christ's Church is the scriptural name. And as it is called the bride, the Lamb's wife, its members should be called Christians. If you were married to a lady, she should be satisfied with her husband's name, if she was loyal to him—she would be a wife, because being married makes her that, so being a follower of Christ makes a disciple, which means a learner. But as to our name, if we are true to Christ, it is Christian. "The Disciples were first called Christians at Antioch." Agrippa said to Paul, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." Peter says, "If ye suffer as a Christian, be not ashamed."

Now, sir, where is our offence? If God be for us, who can be against us.

Now dear brethren, in the above conversation, we have endeavored to lay before you some of the objections urged against us, and in a plain manner explained them in the language of inspiration, and I am just as confident of the truth of our position, as that the sun illumines the heavens. "Mists may gather around it, and objections lie on its outskirts; but still it towers far up into a region where mists never gather, and objections never collect. Its lustre may be obscured for a day, but, like the sun marching behind a pavilion of cloud, it will gleam forth at last all the brighter for the transcient obscurity. We commend it therefore to the confidence of all good men, and commit it to the safe-keeping of God—trusting that the adage, "*Magna est veritas prevalebit*," will prove true; and

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again,
The eternal years of God are hers,
While error wounded writhes in pain,
And dies amidst her worshipers."

Yours fraternally,

J. LATHAM.

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*We do not teach that it is the seal, for we are sealed with the spirit.

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ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, 1864.

MINUTES

OF THE

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OF THE

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST;

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GREENE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA,

ON THE

7TH, 8TH, 9TH AND 10TH OCTOBER, 1864.

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LIST OF PREACHERS WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

NAME.	TOWN.	COUNTY.	STATE.
1. John T. Walsh,	Kinston,	Lenoir,	N. C.
2. Henry D. Cason	Pactolus,	Pitt,	"
3. John A. Leggett,	"	"	"
4. Henry Wilks,	Marlboro,	"	"
5. Gideon Allen,	"	"	"
6. Peter E. Hines,	"	"	"
7. George Joyner,	"	"	"
8. Josephus Latham,	Greenville,	"	"
9. William R. Fulshire,	Newbern,	Craven,	"
10. Thomas H. Bowen,	"	"	"
11. Seth H. Tyson,	Tarboro,	Edgecombe	"
12. John R. Windfield	"	"	"
13. Samuel L. Davis	"	"	"
14. John B. Respess	"	"	"
15. David H. Miller,	Goldsboro,	Wayne,	"
16. William Heath,	Richland	Onslow,	"
17. Stanley Ayres,	Willianston,	Martin,	"
18. Henry Robinson,	"	"	"
19. J. W. P. Holton,	Newbern,	Craven	"
20. John M. Gurganus,	Plymouth,		"
21. John J. Harper,	Bentonsville,	Johnston,	"
22. John J. Coltrain,	Jamesville,	Martin,	".

MINUTES.

The Annual Conference of the Disciples of Christ, assembled with the Church at Hookerton, Greene County, North Carolina, on Thursday before the 2nd Lord's day in October, 1864.

According to previous appointment, the Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder Josephus Latham, from 1st Col. 18 v., "He is the head of the body the church."

The Conference was then organized by electing Elder Josephus Latham, Moderator, and brother Jacob McCotter, Assistant; brother Caleb Cannon, Clerk, and brother Reuben Barrow, Assistant Clerk.

Brother Caleb Cannon was re-elected Treasurer.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees, viz:

On the Order of Business, Elder Peter E. Hines, J. J. Harper and J. B. Respess.

On Finance, brethren Handy Warren, F. M. Harper and Simon E. Hodges.

To supply the stand with preachers, bros. F. Dixon, James Albriton and Elder Joyner.

The Committee on the order of business after retiring a short time, submitted the following report:

1. Calling of Churches.
2. Evangelizing.
3. Miscellaneous Business.

Respectfully submitted,

P. E. HINES, Ch'n.

On motion the report was received and Committee discharged.

The Committee to supply the stand report, Elder Henry Wilks and John J. Harper to preach on Friday.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow morning, at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Allen.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH.

Conference met according to adjournment, and opened with prayer by Elder Allen, after which the proceedings of the previous day were read and accepted, and the Conference proceeded to business.

On motion, it was agreed to call the list of Churches. See Table of Statistics.

EVANGELIZING.—The Committee on evangelizing Reported. See Letter A, Appendix.

Miscellaneous Business.—The Committee on Finance reported. See Letter B.

Elder J. Latham not having been furnished with the data in reference to Elder Dillahunt, on motion, he is allowed until next Conference to prepare his biographical sketch.

On motion of Elder Joyner the biographical sketch of Elder Thos. J. Latham, prepared by Dr. J. T. Walsh, was received and ordered to be put in the Minutes. Letter C.

On motion of Elder J. E. Hines, the biographical sketch of bro. Alfred Moye, prepared by Elder Joyner, was received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. Appendix Letter D.

On motion of Elder Latham, the biography of Elder James R. Lewis prepared by bro. J. J. Harper, was received and ordered to be placed in the Minutes. Appendix Letter E.

On motion of Elder Joyner it was ordered that brother Josephus Latham take charge of the Conference Record Book which was for years in the hands of his father, also to transcribe the Minutes in said book.

The Committee to supply the stand report Elders J. B. Respess and Gideon Allen to preach on Saturday.

On motion, it was agreed that the Church at Christian Hope, Washington County, be received back into the Conference.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder Respess.

Saturday, October 8th, 10 O'clock, P. M.

Conference met according to appointment. Prayer by Elder Miller.

On motion, it was agreed that the name of Caleb Cannon be added to the Evangelical Committee in place of bro. McColter who had resigned. The Committee now standing for the ensuing year being W. J. Moye, Caleb Cannon and Joseph Dixon, who have the power to employ an Evangelist and designate his field of labor. See Letter F.

On motion, it was ordered that the name of Elder Harris be erased from our list of preachers, for unworthy conduct.

On motion, it was ordered that the name of John N. Gurganus be enrolled with the list of preachers.

On motion of Elder Joyner it was ordered that bro. Josephus Latham be requested to prepare the Minutes for the press and distribute them, and that the Treasurer pay over the amounts in hand to him for said purpose.

On motion, it was agreed that the next Conference be held at Rountrees' Meeting House, Pitt County, N. C., to commence on Thursday before the 2nd Lord's day in October, 1865.

On motion, Elder George Joyner was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon, and on his failure Elder G. Allen. Preaching to-day by J. B. Respess and G. Joyner in Disciple's Church and by G. Allen in Union Baptist Church, at night by Elder Miller in Disciple's church.

The Committee to supply the stand report J. B. Respess to occupy the Disciple's Church to-morrow.

On motion, the Conference tendered most respectfully thanks to the citizens of Hookerton and vicinity for their kindness and hospitality and to the Methodists and Union Baptists for the use of their churches.

JOSEPHUS LATHAM, *Moderator.*
JACOB McCOTTER, *Assistant.*

C. Cannon, *Clerk.*
R. Barrow, *Assistant.*

APPENDIX.

A.

Our brother John J. Harper was employed at the Conference of 1863 for the ensuing year as an Evangelist—he reports having traveled nearly or quite two thousand miles, preached one hundred and twenty-seven times and baptized in conjunction with others one hundred persons—he received from the Conference five hundred dollars, and from churches and individuals, while traveling, three hundred and seventy dollars which with the amount given by the ladies of Hookerton and vicinity will perhaps reach nearly a thousand dollars.
W. J. MOYE, Ch'n.

B.

The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the account of the Treasurer and find it all correct, leaving on hand of

last year's funds $31.75 (old issue) worth - -	$ 21 17
Contributions this year - - - - - -	434 56
Whole amount on hand - - - -	$455 73

F. M. HARPER, Ch'n.

C.

A BIOGRAPHY OF ELDER THOMAS J. LATHAM.

BY JOHN T. WALSH.

Elder Thos. J. Latham, son of Daniel Latham and his wife Elizabeth, was born at Pantego, Beaufort County, N. C., October 31st, 1797. His father died when the subject of this paper was quite young, leaving him to the care and training of his widowed mother. She, being a very intelligent woman, greatly desired to have her son well educated. Young Thomas soon manifested great aptness to learn, and his mother determined to give his noble mind an opportunity to expand and develope its powers. So, when sufficiently advanced, he was sent to a school of note in Robeson county; and although such students as Manly (now Judge) and other men of eminence were his classmates, yet none succeeded better in their studies than he.

After years of toil there and at other schools of merit he succeeded in obtaining a fine education. He was a thorough english scholar, and possessed fine attainments in the Greek and Latin.

There is one circumstance, showing the happy effects of early training, which we record not only as illustrative of the character of the dead but as an example to the living. When at School swearing was almost universal among the students, but through young Latham's influence this pernicious and blasphemous habit was abandoned.

After he was educated (he adopted the profession of teaching school, which he followed for many years with marked success.) On Feb. 4th, 1821, he was married to Miss Nancy Cordon, by whom he had twelve children. Soon after his marriage he settled at Pantego where he was born. Some years after he united with the church at Concord, Beaufort county, N. C., having been baptized by Elder Henry Smith. A short time after, he began to preach and soon became an able proclaimer of the Gospel of the grace of God and was for many long years the beloved Pastor of the church with which he united. He was one among the first in North Carolina to embrace the principles, of original christianity for which the Disciples of Christ contend; and, knowing the truth he fearlessly maintained it, and boldly took the position of the Bible and the Bible alone as the Christian's creed, as his famous letter written for the Conference about twenty-three years ago, on the subject of human creeds, will show. He was for many years one of the most influential and perhaps the *best* educated minister belonging to the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ in this State. Having some years before lost his first wife, in 1839, January 13th, he married Miss Ann E. Everett of Martin County by whom he had five children. He was passionately fond of his children, and instead of teaching them lessons of earthly gain and ambition, sought to bring them up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." But out of seventeen only four of them survived him; still he bore his loss with the most calm christian resignation, exclaiming with the venerable patriarch Job "the Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

He had been a very healthy man for many years (having lead a strictly temperate life in all things), until a short time before his death when he was seized with *paralysis agitans* or shaking palsy which continued to get worse until the commencement of 1862, when he rapidly became worse, and for some months he could not even lie down. He often expressed his great desire to die, as earth had no charm for him. On the 3rd Lord's day in April while a smile of happiness passed over his countenance, his pure spirit left its tenement of clay and his eventful life was ended!

Elder Latham filled various offices of usefulness to his county and country. He was clerk and Master of Equity for the county of Hyde before the boundaries of said connty were changed leaving him in Beaufort; for long years he was Post Master at Pantego being eminently fitted for these positions by his great knowledge of business and law. He had read medicine considerably and it is well known he was one of the best informed men in the county. In 1853 he moved to Washington and acted as Post Master and to use the language of the Editor of the paper " won largely upon the esteem of the citizens." He was one in company with W. B. Rodman, Esq., chosen for the purpose of deciding the kind of books which should be used in the Common Schools of Beaufort. He was also appointed as one of the examining Committee for Teachers and no one ever filled the office better. At any time when a teacher applied he attended to him and many such well remember his great care in suggesting any improvement to them which he deemed desirable, and so perfectly honest was he that he would never give the highest numbers unless they were worthy of receiving them. While at Washington he acted as one of the Special Court and also had other offices of trust; for he certainly was one of the nicest business men in the county.

In 1855, at the urgent solicitation of his numerous friends, he became a candidate for a seat in the Federal Congress, which he was amply qualified to fill with honor to himself and State; but he was defeated. It is due to Elder Latham's character to say that while he well understood Political Economy, and considered it the duty of every man to study it, he had no political ambition or aspirations for political preferment; and only consented for his name to be used in the above case after urgent solicitation.

Another fact, in relation to the training of his children, deserves to be recorded. Whenever one of them became large enough to read, a testament was furnished, and every night they all assembled and read the word of God together, and after singing he would offer up a prayer. In this way the truth was impressed upon their minds, and not one of them ever arrived at the years of accountability without confessing the name of Christ and obeying him.

I cannot close this Biography without calling attention to Elder Latham's character as a christian and christian preacher. He was a pure, unselfish man! In proof of this it is well known that under the influence of large benevolence and confiding disposition, he lost a large portion of his estate. It was the pleasure of his life to do good to others and often too, without hoping for anything in return. As a preacher he was not eloquent but logical. He sought to carry the heart by informing, enlightening, and convincing the judgment, rather than by any direct appeals to the feelings and passions. His manner was humble, and his voice soft and impressive.

It is proper we should add a few reflections before closing this paper.

It is in vain for us to shed bitter tears of regret over the dead, if we profit not by their example! It is in vain we spread their virtues abroad upon parchment when they have gone from us, if we do not esteem and appreciate them while living! It is in vain we build monuments to our departed teachers, if, while they lived, we "esteemed them not highly in love for their work's sake." One by one our "golden candlesticks" have been deprived of the star that gave them light, until we have but few left to illume the gathering darkness. And if we do not appreciate the few whom God has spared to us, and, like Aaron and Hur, hold up their hands in the work of God, our fate may be like that of the Asiatic churches. I would make a most solemn appeal to our brethren to place a higher estimate upon the *living* ministry, not from any personal considerations, for we must "know no man after the flesh;" but with reference to the great work in which they are engaged. Let us not merely "build the sepulchres" of the dead ministry, but rally around those whom God in his providence has made our standard bearers, and who still live to plead with a living voice the great truths of life and immortality. The *ashes* of the dead speak to us from the tomb, and their *spirits*, could their voices be heard, would speak to us in "thoughts that breathe and words that burn," of our duty in this regard.

Like the noble and beloved LATHAM, whose body now sleeps sweetly beneath the clods of the valley, unmindful of the strife of war and the hoarse cannon's roar, let us train up our children for God! Instead of teaching them to love and follow after "filthy luchre," let us teach them that God's wisdom is of more value than rubies. And instead of cultivating a spirit of jealousy, a stain which never defaced the pure spirit of Elder Latham, let us love one another as children of one common father.

Let us follow the example Elder Latham so nobly set, and teach our children to read the word of God, that they may believe on Christ and obey his authority. How many parents are in our midst, professing the religion of Christ, whose children have never heard them read the Scriptures, much less have they ever seen them bow down in prayer before the throne of grace. My brother! my sister! have they ever heard you pray for them? Have they ever heard you pray for your neighbors and your minister? Have you taught them to love the the ministers of the gospel, or have you not rather created in their young minds a dislike and a predjudice against them? And when the minister calls on you to spend the night, do you not, even then, clearly showing your own practice in his absence, forget to ask him to read and pray with you? I leave the answer to these questions with your own consciences, and will conclude this brief paper by saying with reference to our departed brother, "May I die the death of the righteous, and my last end be like his."

D.

ALFRED MOYE'S BIOGRAPHY.

We were not furnished with this, consequently it may not appear in the present minutes; but we intend to transcribe it into the Conference record and let it appear in our next year's minutes.

E.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF ELDER JAMES R. LEWIS.

BY JOHN J. HARPER.

Elder James Rodgers Lewis, son of Kedar and Mary Lewis, was born at the dwelling-place of his parents, on Contentnea Creek, in Green County, N. C., September 16th, 1792. In early life, though his literary education was neglected, good impressions, which are seldom lost, were early made on his youthful mind, and pious examples set before him by his kind mother, from whom he learned that to the Supreme Ruler of heaven and earth he was accountable for every word, thought and deed, and being of a serious and thinking disposition, he desired immediately to prepare for the welfare of his soul. He united with the Methodists while a youth. He remained here, however, only a short time, when he left and joined the Free-Will-Baptists, where he continued until 1841, at which time, being persuaded with many others, from a prayerful search of the Scriptures, that the Bible and the Bible alone, was the only unerring guide to fallible mortals, he renounced all human creeds and "confessions of faith," and joined with the Disciples of Christ, where he lived a devoted christian until the day of his death.

Brother Lewis was immersed into Christ by Elder William McKnab. He was ordained a Minister of the Gospel in 1832, and lived so the remainder of his life. Owing to his want of self-confidence, feeling his incompetency, knowing well the indispensable necessity of advancing the whole truth, and that alone, and feeling the awful responsibility of those, who attempt to point out the way of life to dying mortals, he did not often presume, publicly to proclaim the Gospel. But around the fireside he was eager to exchange ideas, to receive information, and to dispense comfort and knowledge, as far as was in his power, to all around him. Christ, his work, his sufferings, death, burial, resurrection, ascension, glorification, and the plan of salvation constituted a theme, upon which it was his delight to dwell. He was anxious to see the cause of his Master flourish and surmount all opposition, and consequently was ever ready and willing to contribute to its support.

In 1814, he was married to Mrs. Artesia King, in Sampson County, where he settled and raised three children, all of whom are now living.

His wife died in 1853, and he was left to storm the vicissitudes of life, and endure the affliction of old age, alone.

The wearied, hungry Minister of the Gospel ever found a welcome reception, and a pressing invitation to tarry at the house, and share the kind hospitality of Elder Lewis.

But "Thou art gone, alas, like the many!" No more shall we hear his kind invitation; no more meet him at the usual place of worship. His christian race is run and the victory won; his earthly career is ended. His penetrating eyes are closed in that sleep that knows no waking; his warning voice is hushed in the stillness of death, and that God-adoring heart has long since ceased to beat.

On the 2nd day of December, 1862, at 9 o'clock in the morning his earthly trials and afflictions ended, and his care-worn and blood-purified spirit wended its way to its God. He calmly yielded up his life, and fell asleep in the arms of Jesus to awake in eternal glory. He has gone to reap the reward of a life spent in the service of his heavenly Master, and to exchange the miseries and bitters of this world, for the joys and sweets of one brighter far than his, whose bliss is permanent as heaven itself.

Thus, we see that our comrades one after another are falling. Our time is coming. The relentless hand of Death will ere long grasp us with its iron strength, and with its on-rolling and never-ceasing tide of destruction will hurl us into eternity. All, all, sooner or later, must meet the rugged monster; for "It is appointed unto man to die."

The wealthy, the gay, the vaunting and the proud, the beggar and the king, are all journeying to the house of all the living Wealth avails not, honor avails not, distinction and power avail not, beauty and dignity avail not, even righteousness itself avails not. The reckless sinner and the upright christian, the presumptuous hypocrite and the true man of God, are all alike subject to death; for verily his dominion reaches to the uttermost parts of the earth, levels all with the dust, and does away with all distinctions. By this we see that life is waning, the end approaching, and that our every moment should be spent in a way to tell well in eternity. Our time is precious—let us spend it "in the vineyard," for the work is great and the laborers are few.

Let us keep our lamps burning and our lights shining, and be ready to meet the Bridegroom at his coming. May we all be prepared to meet our dear brother in the paradise of God on the banks of the "pure river of water of life." Let us take the Word and the Holy Spirit to direct us, and Christ to lead and guide us, then let the storm-god of opposition rage, the fierce winds of persecution howl around us, the lashing waves of affliction be hurled against us, and the dark cloud of adversity overshadow us, all combined and directed to one point shall not sink us, but amid the flashing lightning, the bellowing thunder and the crush of worlds this frail barque of immortality will ride safely home to glory.

Bentonsville, N. C., Oct. 1st, 1864.

F.

The Evangelizing Committee report that the following amounts have been pledged for an Evangelist for the year 1865:

Wheat Swamp, Lenoir County	$300 00
Hookerton, Green County	300 00
Corinth, Pitt County	200 00
Fellows Chapel, Pitt County	45 00
Rountrees, " "	150 00
Concord, Beaufort County	100 00

Had this subject been mentioned to all the churches in time there doubtless would have been much more.

CALEB CANNON, Ch'n.

(Price paid for printing Minutes, $500.)

STATISTICAL TABLE. 1864.

Churches.	Counties.	Delegates.	Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Contributions.
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	J. White, B. T. Parrott and S. E. Hodges,		25		5	127	$ 25 00
Kinston,	"	R. Barrow and F. M. Harper,					75	20 00
Hookerton,	Greene,	James Albritton, F. W. Dixon,	1	21		4	59	20 00
Antiock,	Pitt	Jas. W, May, A. Bynum, W. G. Long,		22	2	2	97	21 00
Corinth,	"	R L. Carr, W. S. Darden, W. J. Moye,		11		1	41	25 00
Fellows Chapel,	"	J. McCotter, A. Edwards,	6	23	2	8	252	20 00
Rountrees,	"	C. Cannon,		23			90	10 00
Oak Grove,	"	By letter,	4	10	2		72	34 00
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	J. Britt and F. Westbrook,					90	20 00
Six Runs,	"	Alladdin Hatcher,	3				172	24 00
Shady Grove,	"	Handy Warren, N. Warren,	4	30			92	12 00
Harnett,	"	Not represented,					49	00 00
Hall's Chapel,	"	"					47	00 00
Mill Creek,	Johnston,	By letter,	1	3	2	3	170	16 00
Concord,	Beaufort,	"	3	20		3	117	50 00
Old Ford,	"	"		4			192	25 00
Tranters Creek,	"	"		18			90	10 00
Beaver Dam,	"	"	1	2			34	8 00
							77	17 00

Union Chapel,	“							
Welsh's Creek,	Martin,	Not represented,					53	
Taylor's Chapel,	“	“					24	
Christian Chapel,	“	“					52	
Jenkins' Chapel,	Onslow,	“					76	
Half Moon,	“	“					20	
Pleasant Grove,	Wayne,	By letter,	1	1			60	26 75
Pleasant Hill	Jones	Not represented,	0	0			65	00 00
Chinquepin Chapel	“	“					85	00 00
Tuckahoe,	“	“					60	
Christian Chapel,	Lenoir,	“					31	
Rose of Sharon,	“	“					28	
Ware Creek,	Carteret,	“					60	
Otters Creek,	Edgecombe,	“					5	
Little Swift Creek,	Craven,	“					50	
Broad Creek,	“	“					60	
Bethany,	“	“					67	
Bay Creek,	“	“					45	
Concord,	“	“					50	
South River,	“	“					23	
Goose Creek,	“	“					32	
Long Acre,	Washington,	Represented by J. B. R.					22	5 00
Christian Hope,	“	“ “					24	5 00
Neal's Chapel,	“	“ “	10	10			20	10 00
			34	242	12	28	3075	$429 25

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MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

Disciples of Christ,

HELD AT

ROUNTREE'S MEETING HOUSE,

PITT COUNTY, N. C.,

ON THE

5th, 6th, 7th and 8th of October, 1865.

RALEIGH:
WM. B. SMITH & COMPANY.
1866.

LIST OF PREACHERS, WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

NAME.	TOWN.	COUNTY.	STATE.
1. John T. Walsh,	Baltimore,		Md.
2. Henry D. Cason,	Washington,	Beaufort,	N. C.
3. John A. Leggett,	“	“	“
4. John R. Winfield,	“	“	“
5. John B. Respess,	“	“	“
6. Gideon Allen,	Marlboro’,	Pitt,	“
7. George Joyner,	“	“	“
8. Josephus Latham,	Greenville,	“	“
9. Peter E. Hines,	Wilson,	Wilson,	“
10. W. R. Fulshire,	Newbern,	Craven,	“
11. Thomas H. Bowen,	“	“	“
12. Seth H. Tyson,	Washington,	Beaufort,	“
13. Samuel L. Davis,	Leachville,	“	“
14. David H. Miller,	Goldsboro’,	Wayne,	“
15. William Heath,	Richland,	Onslow,	“
16. Stanly Ayres,	Williamston,	Martin,	“
17. Henry Robinson,	“	“	“
18. J. W. P. Holton,	Newbern,	Craven,	“
19. John W. Gurganus,	Plymouth,	Washington,	“
20. J. J. Harper,	Bentonsville,	Johnston,	“
21. J. J. Coltrain,	Jamesville,	Martin,	“

MINUTES.

Ques. When and where did the Annual Conference of the Disciples of Christ assemble ?

Ans. At Rountree's M. H., Pitt county, N. C., on Thursday before the 2d Lord's day in October, 1865.

Q. Who preached the Introductory Sermon ?

A. Elder Gideon Allen.

Q. In the organisation of the Conference who were chosen for its officers ?

A. Jacob McCotter, Moderator, Elder Allen, Assistant, Elder J. Latham, Clerk, and C. Cannon, Assistant. Bro. Cannon was also re-elected Treasurer.

Q. Whom did the Moderator appoint on the different Committees ?

A. On the Order of Business, Brethren Joseph Dixon, Amos Evans and W. J. Moye. On Finance, Brethren P. M. Hardy, Robert Carr and K. Withrington. To Supply the Stand with Preachers, Brethren S. Belcher, J. Dixon and W. H. Butler.

Q. After retiring a few minutes what was the order of business reported by the Committee ?

A. 1. Calling of Churches. 2. Evangelising. 3. Miscellaneous Business.

Q. On motion, was the report received and Committee discharged ?

A. Yes.

Q. Who were appointed to preach on Friday ?

A. J. B. Respess and Wm. Heath in the forenoon, Elder Winfield in the afternoon and J. J. Harper at night.

Q. On motion, did Conference agree to adjourn until tomorrow at 10 o'clock ?

A. Yes ; which we did after prayer by Elder J. T. Walsh.

FRIDAY, October 6, 1865.

Q. After prayer by Elder Respess what was the first business ?

A. The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Macedonia Church

Q. According to the order of business was the list of churches called?

A. It was, and if you will turn to table of statistics you will see their present situation.

Q. Was any new church added to the list?

A. Yes; a church lately organised at Woolard's S. H. in Martin county.

Q. What was the next business in order?

A. Evangelising.

Q. What was the report of the Committee on that subject?

A. Turn to Appendix, Letter A.

Q. What was the next business in order?

A. Miscellaneous.

Q. What was the report of the Committee on Finance?

A. See Letter B, Appendix.

Q. Was the obituary of the beloved Elder Dillahunt, prepared by Elder Josephus Latham, accepted by the Conference?

A. It was. See Appendix, Letter E.

Q. In consequence of the obituary of the lamented Alfred Moye, prepared by Elder Joyner, not appearing in the last minutes, what was ordered?

A. That it appear in these. See Letter F.

Q. How many and which were the petitions for the next Conference?

A. Two—from Antioch and Fellow's Chapel.

Q. Where was it agreed for the next Conference to be held?

A. At Fellow's Chapel, Pitt county, N. C., commencing on Thursday before 2d Lord's day in October, 1866.

Q. Who was appointed to prepare the Minutes for the press and distribute them?

A. Josephus Latham, to whom the funds in hand were paid for said purpose.

Q. Who was appointed to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next Conference?

A. J. J. Harper and J. B. Respess, his Alternate.

On motion, did Conference agree to adjourn until to-morrow at 10 o'clock?

A. Yes; which we did after prayer by Elder J. Latham.

SATURDAY, October 7, 1865.

After prayer by Elder Walsh, what was the first business of the Conference?

A. The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Q. What report was submitted this morning?

A. The Treasurer's. See Letter C.

Q. What was the next business?

A. The list of preachers was called.

Q. What was done with Henry Wilks?

A. His name was erased from the list for immoral conduct.

Q. What was done with S. H. Tyson?

A. His case was referred back to his church and the Committee which formerly acted upon it; or to a conference of churches chosen by said church and the former Committee.

Q. Who preached on Saturday?

A. Dr. J. T. Walsh, Harper and Latham, and Elder Miller at night.

Q. Was the subject of Evangelising again brought up today?

A. It was.

Q. Was there much interest manifested by the preachers and delegates on the subject?

A. More than usual.

Q. Was anything done to call the attention of the churches to the subject?

A. Yes; a preamble and resolutions were adopted in order to call the attention of the churches most earnestly to the subject. See Letter D.

Q. What was the next motion?

A. That the Conference tender its thanks to the officers of this body for the faithful discharge of their duty, and to the citizens for their noble hospitality and kindness during our stay with them.

JACOB McCOTTER, Moderator.
GIDEON ALLEN, Assistant.

J. Latham, Clerk.
C. Cannon, Assistant.

APPENDIX.

A.

In accordance with the duty of our office, appointed by the last Conference, we had an interview with Bro. J. J. Harper, whose zeal was well known, and we engaged his services at a sum of one thousand dollars Confederate money, and instructed him to preach for the churches in Johnston, Sampson and Wayne for the first three months and then go to Jones county and preach until January, 1865, then to report to us at Rountree's the 4th Lord's day in said month, 1865. But in consequence of the moving of armies, and other circumstances over which we had no power, he has never had the opportunity of reporting, and as his horse was taken from him, &c., &c., he has not been able to do more than to supply the five churches up the country with preaching; and surely this is a great consideration. But shall we despair? or shall we try again? Examine the resolutions adopted by our last Conference, which sentiments as contained in them were so fondly cherished by a Dunn, a Moye and other noble spirits. With a brotherhood of more than three thousand, and an addition the past year of more than three hundred, surely we are called upon to do something for the cause of Christ. Let us have united action and make one grand effort at the next Conference. Send up one-fourth of what you are willing to pay for a year and let us start out a number of preachers.

C. CANNON,
W. J. MOYE,
J. DIXON.

B.

The Committee on Finance report that they have examined the Treasurer's account and find it all correct.

Contributions last year, with am't on hand, -	$455 73
" this year, - - - - - -	77 35
Amount, - - - - - - -	$533 08
Am't paid over to Bro. J. Latham for minutes,	455 73
Balance on hand, - - - - - -	$77 35

C.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Treasurer to Annual Conference	Dr.
To am't of contributions with am't on hand,	$455 73
" " from Pantego Church, - - - .	100 00
" " " Hookerton " - - - -	300 00
" " " Rountree's " - - - -	150 00
	$1,005 73
Contributions this year, - - - -	77 35
Amount, - - - - - - -	$1,083 08
Contra.	
By amount paid J. Latham for minutes, -	$455 73
" " " J. J. Harper, - - - -	550 00
	$1,005 73
Balance on hand, - - - - -	$77 35

D.

PREAMBLE AND RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE, TO WHICH SPECIAL ATTENTION IS CALLED.

Nothing is more clearly taught in the word of God than that there is but one body, called the Church of God, and that the Church is composed of all true Christians, in every land and nation, governed by Christ as her only Head and taking the Holy Scriptures as her only creed. It is equally clear that this one body of Christ was divided for the sake of convenience into individual Churches, as the Church of God at Corinth, &c.; and that, therefore, each individual Church receives no other creed, confession of faith, law or government but the word of God; and that, therefore, all the actions of each Church meet in perfect conformity to the Holy Scriptures. This being true, it follows that whatever is the duty of one Church is the duty of all the sister Churches; and this being true, we have clearly presented to our minds the co-operative nature of the Constitution of all the Churches of Jesus Christ in all matters pertaining to the interest of the Kingdom of Messiah.

Upon the co-operative principle it is evident that the Apostolic Churches acted, in matters of the greatest moment, both of a doctrinal and practical nature, as settling the question about circumcision of the Gentile converts, raising funds for the poor, &c. In relation to the question of circumcising the Gentiles, all the Churches of the Jews and Gentiles did not go up to Jerusalem *en mass*, but they sent their delegates, who deliberated on the matter, settled it, delivered their decision to the several Churches as final. This was a general meeting of the Disciples of Christ, and the action of that meeting was the action of the several Churches through their delegates. Here, then, we have clearly taught the scriptural authority for a general convention, conference or co-operation meeting of the Disciples of Christ; as clearly the authority for settling the most important matters by the delegates composing such meeting. Such a general meeting is, therefore, not to be considered an organisation apart from the Churches, but only the several Churches acting through their representatives, and the action of the representatives the action of the Churches from which they have received all the authority.

And in regard to the authority delegated to the representatives of the Churches, the matter is equally clear. It is not that the Churches need tell them everything they shall say or do, but in general terms authorise them to attend to such matters of general interest to which it is not practicable for the Churches, in their individual capactiy, to attend to; and that it is the scriptural duty of the Churches to sustain and carry into practice the action of the general meeting, unless it can be shown that action is in violation of the doctrine or practice of the Gospel of Christ.

As, therefore, it is clearly the duty of Churches to co-operate in matters of general interest in the cause of Christ, it becomes a matter of absolute necessity for the sake of the union of action and efficacy of the work, that there shall be a distinct understanding in reference to the nature of such meetings and general principles upon what our deliberations shall be conducted; and as such understanding cannot exist without such co-operation; therefore,

Agreed that this body adopt the following resolutions, viz:

Resolved 1. This meeting shall be known and denominated "The Annual Conference of the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina."

Resolved 2. This Conference shall assemble once in each year at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the next preceding Conference.

Resolved 3. This Conference shall be composed of ministers, elders and delegates appointed by the Churches ; but no minister shall hereafter be admitted a member of this body unless he come recommended by the Church to which he belongs and present his credentials in open Conference.

Resolved 4. Each Church or congregration which is now a member or shall be admitted hereafter a member of this body shall be entitled to send to it one or more delegates, not exceeding three, who shall be chosen from among its own members; and no one shall be the delegate of more than one Church at the same Conference.

Resolved 5. Every Conference shall be opened with religious service, and an Introductory Sermon shall be preached by some minister appointed for that purpose at a preceding annual meeting.

Resolved 6. The officers of this body shall be Moderator, Assistant, Clerk, Assistant, and Ttreasurer, who shall be elected annually by ballot.

Resolved 7. All the Churches belonging to this body will be expected to send up to its annual session a written pledge of the several amounts they are willing to pay for general evangelising purposes and to accompany such pledge with one-fourth of the amount in cash, to be put into the hands of the Treasurer, and they will be expected to remit to the Treasurer the remainder in quarterly instalments.

Resolved 8. It will be the duty of the Treasurer to keep all funds committed to his hands, and pay out such funds, in quarterly instalments, the salary of the evangelist employed by the Conference ; to keep a record of all the funds received and paid out, and to render a report of the same to the next Conference.

Resolved 9. All the ministers in good standing, belonging to the several Churches composing this body, shall, by virtue of their office, be entitled to a seat and a vote in this Conference.

Resolved 10. This body shall, in all cases, exercise the privilege of appointing the general evangelist to labor under its direction and to designate the field of labor for such evangelist so appointed, and the salary for his services ; but nothing in this resolution shall be construed to interfere with the Churches in the appointment of their local or district evangelists.

Resolved 11. It shall be the duty of the Conference to appoint annually an Evangelical Committee, whose office shall be to supply vacancies in the evangelical field, occurring by death, resignation or immoral conduct.

Resolved 12. No person, proposing to unite with the Disciples from any religious party, shall hereafter be received as a preacher unless he first exhibit his credentials and give satisfactory evidence of his good moral conduct or character.

Resolved 13. The names of the preachers belonging to this Conference shall be called over at each session of this Conference for the examination of their christian character; and should the name of any minister be stricken from the list, for immoral conduct or conduct unbecoming a christian minister, it will be the duty of all the Churches composing this Conference to carry out the wishes of said Conference in reference to such ministers; and any Church receiving, countenancing or licensing to exhort in public or to preach without ample evidence of repentance and reformation, shall be remonstrated with, and if she persist in her course, shall be expelled from this body.

Resolved 14. As all the preachers belonging to this body are received and their names enrolled by the action and authority of this Conference, so it is not competent for any preacher to withdraw from this body except by a petition presented at its regular session.

All of which is respectfully submitted to the brethren for their examination and adoption.

E.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF ELDER JOHN H. DILLAHUNT.

1810-1860 X

It is a mournful fact that there has been such a mortality among our preachers. Our most noble proclaimers of the "Ancient Gospel" are continually dropping off the stage of action. Since the writer of this has been connected with our Annual Conference many of those with whom he associated and mingled his prayers and tears have passed away. First a Bond, a Jarman, a Gaylard, a Smith, a Parrott, a Dunn, a Latham and a Dillahunt, the last named of whom we now desire to pay our tribute of respect by writing a short sketch of the lamented dead. Though appointed a long time ago, yet, with all my efforts, I have never been able to get sufficient *data*, and therefore it must be very imperfect.

He was born near Trenton, Jones county, N. C., and was raised and educated near the place of his nativity. His pa-

See Page 120, Carolina Christian Monthly, May, 1860 — He died Mch. 16, 1860, rents being in fair circumstances they were enabled to give their son an opportunity of spending a good deal of time at school, and he succeeded in gaining a fair English education; and while growing up the great principles of morality were early imbibed and sweetly cherished by him, and long years before his death he was baptised and united with the Church of Christ at "Chinquepin Chapel" and became a very exemplary member thereof; and having enjoyed the sweets of the gospel he desired others to do so, and commenced preaching a while after he made the "good confession," which fact, combined with his purity of life, would have given him a powerful influence had it not been for his extreme diffidence. He never seemed able to appreciate his real ability. He seemed to esteem others better than himself. He was exceedingly modest and unassuming, and decidedly one of the most unselfish men with whom I was ever acquainted. He was zealously devoted to the sublime principles of the "Current Reformation," or doctrine of Christ and his apostles, ever contending "for the faith once delivered to the saints."

His devotion to pure christianity was shown not only in word but in acts. He was a zealous patron of our schools and periodicals, unlike many professed disciples.

Brother Dillahunt owned fair property, which enabled him to support his large family, for when but a young man he married Miss McDaniel, by whom he had a large number of children.

He was for some years Sheriff of Jones and doubtless filled the office with much ability; but the office did not suit him and he gave it up.

Most of his life was spent on a farm. Although he did merchandise a while, yet he returned to a farm as more congenial with his feelings.

Such is but a small sketch of the noble Dillahunt, who filled up the measure of a good man, being a devoted husband, affectionate father, good neighbor, humane master, and last, but not least, a pure and unselfish christian. This being so, we cannot help believing that his death is his gain, for by it he was saved from the melancholy scenes of the war just ended. 'Tis true the clouds were gathering thickly over our political horizon and the jarring elements seemed ready to shake our country from centre to circumference, yet, before these clouds broke with fury upon us, he calmly slept in his tomb, thereby escaping the "evil to come;" for since then thousands and thousands have met in deadly combat; the noble young husband was torn from his beloved wife and children; and thousands have been mangled on the battle fields; and the blood of many a loved one has drenched the soil of the sunny South; and it has been poured out on the plains of Gettysburg, Sharpsburg, &c.; and his own son met the fate of thousands of brave southrons; and the clash of musketry was heard at or near by the Church where he used to sing the songs of Zion; but he heard it not, and the sound of loud artillery disturbed him not. He lies in sweet repose and will still continue to do so until the "morn of the resurrection." Then we hope to see him who, with a liberal hand, has ever been ready to help the poor minister of the gospel, and we hope with him to enter through the pearly gates into the New Jerusalem,

> "Where sickness and sorrow never come,
>   And grief no place obtains,
> And health triumphs in immortal bloom,
>   And endless pleasure reigns."

J. LATHAM.

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH OF ALFRED MOYE.

1793-18

The Church, the State and the world would be wiser, better and happier if they would imbibe the spirit and character of the subject of this brief memoir.

Notwithstanding the many bright and shining examples of christian piety which we have been permitted to witness in the generation now so swiftly passing away, there have been but few, very few, individuals out of the whole who have manifested, in a more striking manner, those amiable qualities which constitute true christian consistency than Alfred Moye.

He was born in Pitt county on the 19th January, 1793, and died on the 26th of February, 1863.

His early youth—indeed his whole life—was marked by "diligence, industry and a proper improvement of time."

He early evinced an unusual thirst for knowledge, and seized, with great avidity, every opportunity to acquire it. The acquisitions of his mind were comparatively easy, and he soon became known in his native county as a man of more than ordinary talents; and, as a mark of confidence and esteem, he was chosen a representative to the lower house of the General Assembly in the year 1828, and again in 1829. In the year 1831 he was elected a member of the Senate, which high position he continued to occupy with honor to himself and the entire satisfaction of his friends until the year 1844, when he voluntarily declined a re-election and retired to the repose of private life. He was very fond of agricultural pursuits, and in the calm quiet of domestic life sought those enjoyments which are among the purest which the world affords.

He was for years chairman of the special court of his native county, and the character which he sustained for wisdom, stability and judgment was appreciated by the whole community, who, in almost all matters of importance, sought and obtained the aid of his counsel. He possessed a quick and penetrating mind, and at the same time he was distinguished for a sound and accurate judgment.

A scrupulous justice marked his dealings with all men, and he exhibited great fidelity in his engagements.

Standing upon his own merits, he passed through a succession of offices and responsibilities which he sustained with much honor to himself, and the duties of which he discharged not only with satisfaction to his fellow-citizens, but with the highest benefit to his State and county.

In his private life he was easy and graceful in his manners; in his conversation affable and entertaining.

He was a man of great integrity and of pure patriotic feeling. He delighted, when necessary, to sacrifice his private interests for the public good. He was remarkably distinguished for a degree of good humor and vivacity; and in generosity of character was an ornament to human nature. Few men possessed a more absolute control over the passions of the heart, and few evinced, in a greater degree, the virtues which adorn the human mind. In all the relations of life, whether as a husband, a friend, a patriot, or the master of the slave, he appeared conscious of his obligations and found his pleasure in discharging them.

As a christian he was for many years a member of the Church of Christ worshipping at Oak Grove, and he was not ashamed of the gospel of Christ. The ridicule of the licentious, the taunt of the scoffer, nor the example of vice in power, could not tempt him to disguise its profession or to decline from the practice of its virtues. He was, however, liberal in his religious principles. Sensible, as became a philosopher, of the rights of private judgment, and of the difference of opinion that must necessarily arise from the variety of human intellects, he was candid as became a christian to those who differed from him, where he observed their practice marked with virtue and piety. But if we follow him to the last scene of his life and consider him under that severe and tedious disorder, which put a period to it, there the sincerity of his piety and the force of religion to support the mind in the most terrible conflicts was chiefly visible. For two years and a half he bore, with the utmost constancy and patience, a disorder that makes us tremble only to think of it. With most exquisite pain it pressed upon him until it reached the passages by which life is sustained; yet, in the midst of as much as human nature could endure, he always discovered a submission to the will of heaven, and a resignation to his fate, that could only flow from the expectation of a better and purer life.

Thus has passed away from earth one with whom the writer of this feeble tribute was long and intimately acquainted, and to whom he feels indebted for some of the noblest sentiments and examples of true christianity. He was the intimate friend of my venerable father, who has long years ago gone down to the dust. As my own friend he was dear to me, as my father's friend he was sacred; and when I recall the innocent days of childhood and early youth, when I think of those family transactions which once gladdened my heart, as my father's friend in the midst of these he rises up to my fondest remembrance. I was taught to accost him with respect. I looked up to him with fondness, and I was made happier by his kindly notice. His inprisoned spirit is now freed from the fetters of earth and is in that far off home surrounded by angels in glory.

Faithful christian! He is now inheriting the promises. Happy conqueror! happy end of the struggles of three score and ten years. We shall often think of him in his far off happy home.

His name will not be forgotten. No! it will live when the skies of worldly glory are darkened and gone to decay.

"Not forgotten when the weakly,
E're life's noonday, droop and falter,
Not forgotten around the hearthstone,
Not forgotten at the altar."

G. JOYNER.

Hillside, October, 1864.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

No.	Churches.	Counties.	Delegates.	Dismissed.	Received.	Baptised.	Excluded.	Died.	Total.	Contributions.
1	Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	P. M. Hardy and R. H. Kennedy,		2	6		4	127	$ 5 00
2	Kinston,	"	Not represented,						75	
3	Christian Chapel,	"	" "						31	
4	Rose of Sharon,	"	" "						28	
5	Hookerton,	Greene,	James L. Murphy and Elias Albritton,			2			60	5 50
6	Antioch,	Pitt,	W. G. Lang and Sherrod Belcher,			4		1	103	5 00
7	Corinth,	"	W. S. Darden, M. T. Moye and W. J. Moye,	3		7	1	2	42	5 00
8	Fellow's Chapel,	"	J. McCotter, W. H. Butler and J. K. Withrington,			10		2	245	4 00
9	Rountree's,	"	A. Evans, C. Cannon and J. Dixon,					1	89	3 00
10	Oak Grove,	"	S. H. Taylor and Thomas Roebuck,	3		4		3	74	3 00
11	Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	By letter,						61	4 00
12	Six Runs,	"	"						132	5 25
13	Shady Grove,	"	"			1	3	2	95	
14	Harnett,	"	Not represented,						49	
15	Hall's Chapel,	"	" "						47	
16	Mill Creek,	Johnston,	By letter,						170	2 65
17	Concord,	Beaufort,	W. G. Sawyer and John Windley,		11	45		8	165	5 00
18	Old Ford,	"	Reported by J. Latham,	10	6	22		15	200	3 00
19	Tranter's Creek,	"	Not represented,						90	
20	Beaver Dam,	"	" "						30	
21	Pungo Chapel,	"	By letter,		4	9			77	1 35
22	Shiloh,	"	Not represented,						30	
23	Union Chapel,	"	Reported by J. B. Respess,		[illegible]	30			120	
24	Welch's Creek,	Martin,	By letter,		4	28		4	69	1 00
25	Taylor's Chapel,	"	"		4	9		5	35	75

33 Little Swift Creek,	Craven,	By letter,			1			24	1 50
34 Broad Creek,	"	"					5	14	1 00
35 Bethany,	"	R. B. Hardison,			12			27	2 50
36 Bay Creek,	"	By letter,			5		3	33	2 50
37 Concord,	"	Jacob Edwards,			14		13	48	1 50
38 South River,	"	Not represented,						23	
39 Goose Creek,	"	" "		11	6		6	47	
40 Long Acre,	Washington,	" "						24	
41 Shady Grove,	Jones,	By letter,					10	33	1 00
42 Pleasant Hill,	"	W. G. Fordham,				1	3	65	2 00
43 Chinquepin Chapel,	"	Not represented,						85	
44 Tuckahoe,	"	S. A. Taylor,			24		4	78	1 80
		Total,	16	57	284	6	107	3109	$77 35

No. 29, 1st LISTING
of Brown's S.H. (Onslow)

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MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST,

HELD AT

FELLOWS' CHAPEL,

PITT COUNTY, N. C.,

ON THE

11th, 12th, 13th and 14th of October, 1866.

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NORTH CAROLINIAN OFFICE.
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Sept. 17, 1932.

LIST OF PREACHERS, WITH THEIR POST OFFICES.

NAME.	TOWN.	COUNTY.	STATE.
1. John T. Walsh,	Newbern,	Craven,	N. C.
2. W. R. Fulshire,	"	"	"
3. Thomas H. Bowen,	"	"	"
4. J. W. P. Holton,	"	"	"
5. Isaac P. Holton,	"	"	"
6. Alonzo Holton,	"	"	"
7. Constantine Miller,	"	"	"
8. Josephus Latham,	Greenville,	Pitt,	"
9. George Joyner,	Marlboro,	"	"
10. Gideon Allen,	"	"	"
11. Henry D. Cason,	Washington,	Beaufort,	"
12. S. L. Davis,	"	"	"
13. John R. Winfield,	"	"	"
14. John A. Leggett,	"	"	"
15. David H. Miller,	Goldsboro,	Wayne,	"
16. J. J. Harper,	Dudley,	"	"
17. William Heath,	Trenton,	Jones,	"
18. Stanley Ayres,	Williamston,	Martin,	"
19. Henry Robinson,	"	"	"
20. John J. Coltrain,	Jamesville,	"	"
21. John M. Gurganus,	Plymouth,	"	"
22. Henry Gurganus,	"	"	"
23. Samuel H. Ange,	"	"	"
24. Harvey Cooper,	"	"	"

MINUTES.

The Annual Conference of the Disciples of Christ, was to assemble with the Church at Fellows' Chapel, on Thursday before the 2d Lord's day of October, 1866, but in consequence of the rain, but few attended, and among the absentees was the one appointed to preach the Introductory. His Alternate also being absent, the first discourse was delivered by Elder Henry Gurganus. Subject—"I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ." There being so few persons present, Conference was not organized.

FRIDAY, October 12, 1866.

Conference was opened with praise and prayer by Elder J. R. Winfield. After which Conference was organized by electing Elder H. D. Cason, Moderator, with Jacob McCotter, Assistant; Josephus Latham, Clerk, with Samuel Windley, Assistant.

Then the Moderator proceeded to appoint the Committees, viz:—

Upon the Order of Business, Augustus Latham, W. J. Bowen and William Joyner. On Committee of Finance, Calvin Stokes, Asa Edwards and Henry Bowen. To Supply the Stand with Preachers, M. W. Harper, J. Edwin Peel and Kenneth Woolard.

After retiring a short time the Committee on the Order of Business reported the following:

1. Calling of Churches.
2. Evangelizing.
3. Miscellaneous Business.

(The Committee to Supply the Stand, report Elder J. R. Winfield to preach in the forenoon, and Henry Gurganus in the afternoon of to-day.)

In accordance with the Order of Business,

On motion, the list of Churches was called. The result of which you may find by turning to the "Table of Statistics."

Evangelizing:

The Committee not being present, no report was received, and, On motion, it was laid over until to-morrow.

Miscellaneous Business:

On motion, the names of the preachers were called. Upon which the following action was taken:

Peter E. Hines' name discontinued by his request.

J. B. Respass, "

When the name of Elder J. R. Winfield was called, Elder Tyson urged some objection to his continuing, but the Delegates from all the Churches for which he was Pastor, including those where he was raised, sustained him, urging that his walk was becoming a member of the Church, and that he had the confidence of the community in which he lived. On motion, his name was unanimously agreed to be continued, with perhaps the exception of the vote of Elder Tyson.

When the name of Elder Tyson was called, it was moved that it be erased, according to the order of Pungo Chapel Church; whereupon he went into a defence of himself, (after some remarks were made by Elder Latham, by order of the Conference, upon the action of the Committee which tried his case,) but his defence being lengthy, it was postponed until to-morrow.

SATURDAY, October 13, 1866.

Conference was opened by praise and prayer by —— ——.

Elder Tyson came in and submitted to the Conference to do as it thought proper in his case; whereupon the vote being taken, it was agreed to erase his name from the list of preachers, according to the order of the Pungo Chapel Church.

On motion, according to the request of their Churches, the following names were added to the list of preachers, viz: Henry Gurganus, Samuel H. Cooper, Harvey Cooper, Alonzo Holton, Constantine Miller, Isaac P. Holton.

A communication was received from Elder A. J. Battle, expressing a desire to again be united with the Conference, but on motion, it was agreed to request him to attend the next Conference.

On motion, the Church at Tranter's Creek was requested to get clear of Elder S. H. Tyson.

The Committee of Finance beg leave to report that:

The contributions last year were - - - - $77 35

Which has all been expended in paying for printing, transcribing, recording and postage, leaving nothing to be continued to the present year, except the present contributions,

Which were, the present year for Minutes, - - -	$57 15
Evangelizing, - - - - - - - -	13 00
	$70 15

CALVIN STOKES,
ASA EDWARDS,
HENRY BOWEN.

On motion, Elder Josephus Latham was appointed to transcribe the Minutes and prepare them for the press.

On motion, it was agreed that 800 copies be printed, and that the contributions of this year be placed in his hands for said purpose, and that he record the same in Conference Book, now in his possession.

On motion, it was agreed that Bro. J. Latham be allowed to retain the balance of last year's contributions, after paying all expenses of the minutes of last year, as a compensation for transcribing and recording the minutes the two past years and the present.

On motion, the money for Evangelizing was placed in the hands of Elder Allen, to be conveyed to Bro. C. Cannon, the Treasurer.

On motion, the place of holding the next Conference was taken up. Petitions were received from Free Union, Corinth, Wheat Swamp and Pleasant Hill. The vote being taken, it was decided to go to Corinth, Pitt County, N. C., commencing on Thursday before 2d Lord's day in October, 1867.

(In accordance with the move yesterday, the subject of Evangelizing was brought up; whereupon a number of brethren present urged the necessity of active steps in this particular, showing that our Churches must become more liberal, or the cause so dear to our hearts may languish; showing that in days gone our preachers were mostly in good circumstances, and were able and willing to sacrifice, but that now they were poor and could not do all the sacrificing; that a small sum from each member would amply support the gospel; that it is our duty needs no labored argument, as long as 'tis said, "The Lord has ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel," &c., &c.

On motion, Elder Allen was appointed to preach the Introductory and Elder Joyner his Alternate.

The Committee to Supply the Stand report G. Allen to preach in the afternoon of Saturday, and Elder H. Gurganus the morning of the same day, as Elder Cason was engaged as Moderator. Also, report Elder Latham to preach on Lord's day morning and Elder Cason to follow.

On motion, the Conference tendered most respectfully, thanks to the people of the vicinity of Fellows' Chapel, for their great hospitality, and to the officers of this body for the ability and promptness in performing their duty.

LORD'S DAY, October 14, 1866.

A vast congregation assembled, and was addressed by Elder Latham upon the subject of the conversion of the Eunuch. Elder Cason not being well, did not preach, but closed with an excellent exhortation. We then parted, never more all to meet on earth.

H. ~~M~~. D. CASON, Moderator.
JACOB McCOTTER, Assistant.

J. LATHAM, Clerk.
S. WINDLEY, Assistant.

TABLE OF STATISTICS.

No.	Churches.	Counties.	Delegates.	Evangelizing		Dismissed.	Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Number of Members.	Contributions.
				Pledged	Paid.							
1	Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	Bright Hill, Jas. Hodges, Edw. Kennedy,					4		1	130	$5 00
2	Kinston,	"	Not represented,								75	
3	Christian Chapel,	"	"								31	
4	Rose of Sharon,	"	"								28	
5	Hookerton	Greene,	J. L. Murphy, E. Powell,			17	1	1		1	43	3 25
6	Antioch,	Pitt,	By Letter,							2	94	6 90
7	Corinth	"	William Joyner		$11 00						42	2 00
8	Fellows' Chapel,	"	McCotter and Quinnerly,					15	2	5	244	2 75
9	Rountree's,	"	Not represented,								89	
10	Oak Grove,	"	By Letter,						6		68	3 05
11	Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	E. Rich,					17			78	
12	Six Runs,	"	Not represented,					8			140	
13	Shady Grove,	"	By Letter,					5	1	9	99	2 00
14	Harnett,	"	Not represented,								49	
15	Hall's Chapel,	"	"								47	
16	Pleasant Grove,	Wayne,	"								66	
17	Mill Creek	Johnston,	M. W. Harper,			1		24	3	1	135	2 00
18	Concord,	Beaufort,	S. Windley, A. Latham, P. H. Johnston,			1	1			5	158	5 00
19	Old Ford,	"	Not represented					9			209	
20	Tranter's Creek,	"	Adolphus Ward,			1	1			3	54	2 00
21	Beaver Dam,	"	Not represented,								30	
22	Head of Pungo,	"	By Letter,								20	1 00
23	Pungo Chapel,	"	"					2	2	2	73	1 60
24	Union Chapel,	"	"							3	128	90
25	Welch's Creek,	Martin,	"				1	31	4	2	71	1 50
26	Taylor's Chapel,	"	"	$4 00	1 00			3	2		36	1 50
27	Christian Chapel,	"	"								52	
28	Wooland's S. H.,	"	J. Edwin Peel, Kenneth Wooland,			1	1	17			38	2 00
29	Jenkins' Chapel,	Onslow,	By Letter,	21 75	1 00	4			1		50	60

Table of Statistics—(Continued.)

No.	CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	EVANGELIZING		Dsm'd	Rec'd.	Bptz'd	Exc'd.	Died.	Total No. M'b'rs	C'nb's
				Pl'dgd	Paid.							
30	Brown's S. H.,	Onslow,	Not represented,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	46	....
31	Ware Creek,	Carteret,	"	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	60	....
32	Otter's Creek,	Edgecombe,	"	....	....	....	...	....	....	....	4	....
33	Little Swift Cr'k,	Craven,	"	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	....
34	Broad Creek,	"	Willis Dunn,	....	....	1	2	8	....	2	31	$2 00
35	Bethany,	"	Not represented,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	14	....
36	Bay Creek,	"	By Letter,	....	....	....	....	8	....	....	57	2 70
37	Concord,	"	Not represented,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	33	....
38	South River,	"	"	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	23	....
39	Goose Creek,	"	"	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	48	....
40	Long Acre Chp'l,	Washington,	W. J. Bowen, Henry Bowen,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	1 00
41	Christian Hope,	"	Not represented,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	24	....
42	Clark's S. H.,	Hyde,	"	....	....	....	....	6	....	....	26	....
43	Shady Grove.	Jones,	G. Cox,	....	....	....	....	....	1	....	35	2 00
44	Chinquepin Chp'l	"	Not represented,	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	80	....
45	Pleasant Hill,	"	W. G. Fordham, J. H. Kinsey,	....	....	....	13	56	....	3	129	3 00
46	Tuckahoe,	"	Wm. Huffman,	....	....	....	1	18	19	....	84	2 00
				$25 75	$13 00	26	21	232	34	39	3,117	$57 15

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PROCEEDINGS.

Saturday, Oct. 10th, 1868.

The Ministers and Messengers to the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ, assembled at Wheat Swamp, Lenoir Co., N. C., on Saturday, Oct. 10th, 1868.

As neither Elder Joyner, who was appointed to preach the Introductory, nor brother Harper, his alternate, were present Elder J. Latham preached the first discourse from the subject, Faith, Hope, Charity. 1 Cor. 13: 13.

Conference was organized by chosing Elder G. Allen, Moderator, with brother Jacob McCotter, Assistant; J. Latham, Clerk, with brother W. T. Moye, Assistant.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator, viz:

On the Order of Business, brethren Samuel Windley, J. K. Witherington and William Sutton.

Committee of Finance, L. L. Prather, J. E. Peel and Walter Kennedy.

To supply the stand with preachers, Wm. Sutton, L. L. Prather and Chas. Smith.

The committee on the Order of Business made the following report:

1. Calling the list of churches.
2. Evangelizing.
3. Miscellaneous Business.

Lord's Day, Oct. 11.

An immense congregation assembled which was addressed by Elder J. Latham in the forenoon, upon the subject of Predestination and Election.

In the afternoon, Elder J. J. Harper preached upon the subject of Faith and Works.

MONDAY, OCT. 12.

Conference was opened by praise and prayer, after which we proceeded to business.

Minutes of Saturday were read and approved.

In accordance with the committee's report, the list of churches was called, the result of which may be seen by referring to the Statistical Table.

On motion, it was agreed that the newly organized churches, Turner's Chapel, Jones county, and Brown's S. H., Pitt county, N. C., be received into this conference.

On motion, the report from our Evangelist, A. J. Battle was received, and ordered to be placed in the minutes. See Appendix, letter A.

A communication written by a brother whose name he withholds from the public, was read before the conference, and being considered so appropriate, was ordered to be placed upon the minutes. Letter B.

On motion, it was agreed that brother Latham have the funds left over, after paying the expenses of last years minutes, in view of his great sacrifices for and devotion to the cause of Christ in our State.

The committee on Finance report:

Contributions for minutes this year,	$56 70
Amount contributed by brother F. W. D. for Evangelizing,	56 00

L. L. PRATHER, Chm'n.

On motion, the name of Elder J. H. Foye was ordered to be placed on the minutes, also the name of Daniel A. Williams.

On motion, the names of John A. Leggett and Wm. Heath were erased from our list in consequence of death.

On motion, brother W. T. Moye was appointed to write a biography of Elder Leggett, brother Isaac Brown to write that of William Heath.

On motion, agreed that the funds now on hand for the minutes, be placed in the hands of brother Latham to defray the expenses of publishing 1000 copies of our proceedings.

On motion, the list of preachers was called, and no change in the list found necessary, except erasing two because of death, and two being added who have within the past year united with us.

On motion, agreed that the next Annual meeting be held with the church at Fellow's Chapel, commencing on Thursday before the 2d Lord's day in October, 1869.

On motion, agreed that Elder Battle preach the Introductory, and on his failure, brother Daniel Williams.

Elder Allen preached to day from 2 chapter of Acts. After which two persons made the "Good Confession."

TUESDAY, OCT. 13.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

The report of the Evangelizing committee was received. See appendix C.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, It has never been the custom of the Disciples, in North Carolina, to make masonry a test of fellowship at all, leaving every one to use his own discretion upon the matter. Therefore

Resolved, That we heartily recommend the same practice to be continued in the future.

On motion, Elders G. Allen, J. H. Foye, and J. Latham were appointed delegates to the F. W. B. Conference.

On motion, Elders Battle and Harper were appointed to attend the Union Baptist Council.

On motion, the following resolution was adopted :

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches composing this Conference, that where they have a sufficient number of colored members to form an independent organization, they allow them to do so, if they desire it, by giving them letters of dismission for that purpose. That we deeply sympathize with the colored people with reference to their spiritual welfare, and that we willingly teach them the gospel of Christ in its purity when opportunity admits.

On motion, agreed that we return our sincere thanks to the citizens of this vicinity for their kindness and hospitality during the sessions of this meeting, and to the officers of this body for the faithful discharge of their duties.

On motion, agreed that we adjourn to the time and place appointed.

Preaching this evening by brother Daniel A. Williams, subject, "the harvest is past, and summer is ended,' &c.

Thus ended another of our annual meetings, noted like its predecessors, for its harmony and peace.

GIDEON ALLEN, Mod'r.
J. McCotter, Assistant.

J. LATHAM, Clerk.
W. T. Moye, Assistant.

APPENDIX.

A

EVANGELICAL REPORT.

As soon as practicable after your last meeting, I set out to the field of my labor, assigned me by your committee. I found the churches at Kinston, Shady Grove, Tuckahoe, Christian Chapel, Brown's School House and Jinkin's Chapel, entirely destitute of preaching, for Elder Heath, the only preacher of our order on the south of Neuse River in that section, was confined by sickness of which he died before I got through my first tour. I tried to divide my time among so many churches the best I could. In February, Pleasant Hill church became also destitute, and I was applied to, to supply them; which I endeavored to do at their monthly meetings, until brother Foy came to help, and supplied them after their June meeting. Early in January last, I baptized brother Joseph H. Foy, my son in law, and my son Jesse, both of whom took membership at Corinth, and as brother Foy was so well qualified for preaching the gospel, the church had him ordained, and his preaching has met with acceptance everywhere he has preached. In the latter part of December, I baptized brother Daniel A. Williams, formerly a Methodist preacher, who took membership at Brown's S. H., and was ordained soon after, and in company with myself held a meeting at Whit Turner's in Jones. I preached once on Christmas day, and then brother Williams and Jerry Jarmon continued the meeting near a week, and baptized seven or eight, and organized a church of twelve members, called Turner's Chapel. Brother Williams has helped me much to supply this destitute region, by preaching as his health would permit, at Brown's S. H., Jinkin's Chapel, Turner's Chapel and Tuckahoe. Your committee requested me as far as I could to visit all the churches in your bounds at least once, to encourage them to aid you at your present meeting to sustain an Evangelist for the ensuing year. I set out for this purpose in June to visit all the churches on the North of Tar River, but owing to a mistake I made in time, I failed to visit them all. I however preached at Union Chapel, Concord, Pungo Chapel, Clark's S. H., and at Statesville, in Hyde; also Shiloh, Long Acre, Christian Hope, Free Union and Poplar Run Chapel. On reaching Taylor's Chapel, I found no congregation, and calling on Elder Coltrain learned of him that it was more than probable the other appointments were also not known, therefore I came across to Washington, to take the boat to Greenville to meet my appointment at Brown's S. H., in Pitt, near Elder Latham's, which I knew was well known. I preached there on the 12th July, and had three to baptize next morning; and having a week to spare intended as a rest at home, I deemed it best to continue the meeting, and with Elder Latham's assistance we held the meeting ten days and nights. and baptized thirty, and organized a church of forty-one members. And it makes this success the more gratifying as it has established a church just where we needed one, and of just such material as truly gives strength to the cause of Christ in that section of country.

After resting a couple of days at home, I took the cars for Dudley Depot. Sleeping on a bench in the ticket office, from midnight till day light, I walked to Pleasant Grove ten miles, and met a crowded house. Next day I preached in the morning and night at Mill Creek to a crowded house, as Elder Harper was holding a protracted meeting; there were seven confessions that day, and I heard that Elder Harper baptized thirty-five on next Sunday. Next day, and the day after, I preached at Pleasant Union, and then went to Six Run s Chapel, and preached the 1st Saturday and Sunday in August, and Sunday at 4 o'clock at Giddingsville. I then returned to Pleasant Union, and began a meeting on Tuesday, and preached twice every day till Sunday, which resulted in 24 baptized, one restored. and one received from the Free Wills. After a rest at home of a few days, I returned to preach to my first field of labor. Christian Chapel has gone down, but if there was a preacher to attend regular, the members of Turner's Chapel and those of Christian Chapel still remaining, could no doubt be got to unite and again build up the church. At Pleasant Hill, after the close of their Union Meeting, I baptized two, a man and wife, who were received to membership at Pleasant Hill. I found Shady Grove in such a condition, that there was no hope of doing anything with the old materials as a body. Therefore I re-organized a new church out of such as gave promise of sustaining the church, and also took several good members from old Chinquepin, and baptized one the next day; and could I have stayed and preached for a week, the prospect was good for a number to have been added. But having agreed to visit Elder Latham in Hookerton for a protracted effort, I had to leave.

At Hookerton the people were so sickly, that we had but a small congregation. The brethren and sisters seemed to be greatly cheered up by our meeting, but we only added four to the church. From here I went down to Jinkin's Chapel to hold a meeting of near a week, including the first Saturday and Sunday in October. Owing to sickness, our congregations were small, and I only baptized three. We had a cold rain, which partly broke up the meeting. I got wet. and took cold, which brought on chills and fever that held on every day for a week. From which I have recovered, so as to be with you at the close of your meeting.

I received last year of your committee, on advance upon my salary, $100. Since then, I have received on pledges and other donations up to close of this meeting, $172. The balance I shall no doubt receive in good time for my necessities. It is my desire to continue to travel and preach, and if the brethren see proper to re-appoint me as their Evangelist for another year, it is my request to be appointed without salary or fixing a field of labor for me, believing I can do more good not to be confined, and I am willing to trust my brethren for my support. And by this plan, you can employ what ever of funds or pledges may be sent up to your present meeting, in employing other Evangelist's to supply the destitution among your churches. All of which is respectfully submitted

By your Evangelist,

A. J. BATTLE.

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SUPPORT OF THE MINISTRY.*

Dear Brethren:—Could I feel assured that the remarks I am about to make, would be received in the same spirit which actuates them, it would afford me a pleasure to suggest a few thoughts to the brethren of this Conference. Year after year we spend a great deal of time discussing the subject of Evangelizing, and not to much effect. True it is, some few of us influenced by a warm meeting, feel sufficiently interested in the matter to promise to give a few dollars for the purpose, provided our crops turn out well, and we succeed wel enough in business to have a sufficient surplus, and then if the Conference should select a suitable man, one who accords with our ideas of just what he should be, &c., &c. Then, we will do so and so; but 'tis an old saying "Words are leaves, while acts are fruits" We leave the Conference with having done but little but thinking to do a great deal more. We go home, allowing ten thousand trifles to make us entirely forget the poor Evangelist, until next Conference still finds us willing to act, but never doing so. Now, brethren, we all need some stimulus to action--we need some incentive to call out our energies. This is evident in all our acts—manifest in all our daily experience. And with man, what is a more powerful stimulus than to have some real object in view, some point we wish to gain. We bend our energies to its accomplishment just in proportion to the degree of interest we feel in its success. Is this not the case? A superior power may force us to do a great deal; but does not history bear testimony with our own observation, that it only needs the indomitable will of man to decide to do anything to effect its consumation, if not in opposition to divine law. But do we not find ourselves more or less inert, when engaged in any pursuit in regard to which we are indifferent?

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*This was not intended by its author for publication.

Well, would any of us professing to be followers of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, like to admit for a moment an indifference to his cause? An indifference to his suffering children here on earth? For in care of those—and respect to their wants, we are told by Christ himself that we do administer to His wants. I feel sure that we do flatter ourselves that we do love those who bear even the name of Christ, and much more those whom we believe to be suffering for his cause.

Sympathy is a noble virtue, and which every Christian may feel proud to imitate in the character of our beloved Master. In none of my arguments, dear brethren, do I admit of a plea I often hear argued, viz: "hard times." I do not admit the plea because in regard to our exertions to supply temporal wants, yea even the luxuries of life, we daily find ourselves redoubling our energies. And does not this again prove what we can, or will do, when we wish to do a thing?

Let us only behold how a kind and merciful Father blesses our efforts to supply our own wants But do we ever stop to think that all we have even pecuniarily are loans from our blessed Lord. When we borrow money from a friend, do not we expect, yea, are we not willing to pay an annual per centage?

We are compelled to answer in the affirmative Now dear brethren, is God less kind to us. Is it not day after day we are indebted to Him, and for innumerable loans to us and mercies granted? How much interest are we called upon to return? What a startling thought! No not one cent are we compelled to pay. In this is the great difference between us and the children of Israel. They were required to pay one tenth, as we all know. But in this difference, lies the great beauty of Christ's plan of salvation.

Through the voluntary offering of himself, He shed his precious blood upon Mount Calvary for fallen man. And in return, he requires a voluntary offering of our hearts. And if we give our hearts to him, are we more selfish of our purse? Or, as true christians are we willing to give, at least a mite of all his benefits to us. in return as a small interest on all gifts presented to us by Him. Or, are we content to merely give ourselves, and our purse withhold for our own benefit.

I ask candidly, if such a spirit should ask a blessing? We come here year after year representing a body of near 3000—professing themselves christians. And my dear brethren, are there none in our midst, who need a little from this large treasury? I presume there are some. And if so, are we not told that in their sufferings we do really behold the sufferings of our leader? Yes, these are the words of Christ himself. that if we but give unto them a cup of cold water, we give it unto Christ.

Now, brethren, how much of the blessings with which God has so mercifully crowned our labor since last year, are we prepared to give to his son. through the suffering brethren? I hope much.

As an easy way of deciding in our own minds what we are able to give, let us consider the following plan. I was struck with reading since last Conference an article in the "Christian Monitor" proposing to the little readers to set aside a hen, as a missionary, the proceeds of which were during the year to be given to the advancement of the cause of Christ. Who could not spare at least one hen? And in doing so, let us only think how much good could be accomplished even by so trifling a means.

Now I regard this a noble plan on a small scale, and trusting in the sincerity of a common brotherhood, I would humbly propose to adopt this sisters plan, but as we do not claim to deal in poultry, but pride ourselves in being tillers of the soil. let each of us dedicate a certain portion of that soil for the benefit of Christ's cause. I believe such would be pleasing to God, and by this means the proceeds of that ground may be thrown into market, and we all come to our next Conference strengthened in mind and might to the support of our self sacrificing Evangelist and Ministers, who while during the past year have been laboring for the good of our souls, have left families at home as dear to them as ours to us, to breast the storms of life alone, so far as an earthly protector was concerned. It was their duty they say, because God so impressed it upon their minds, and a most noble duty it was. And much more nobly have they performed their duty than we have ours, if we have withheld the helping hand from them.

With deep mortification I witnessed last Conference, that in trying to raise funds for Evangelizing, we had to apply to persons not members of the church to help make up the small sum needed Now, had we given of our last years crop, one acre each of us, or if even two thirds of its proceeds had been brought to the Conference, how much good we might have accomplished thereby. As an humble member of this body, let me beseech you to go about this thing trustingly, for the unstable mind is not to hope for the blessing, but the cheerful giver is to be blessed.

Now I humbly offer my experience for the present year, as an encouragement in this case. During the past Spring from my cultivation of about 30 acres, I marked off one acre, the process of which, in my mind, I dedicated to the Lord, and I fully determined He should have every cent of it. So I worked to that point manured it well, and cultivated it just as I did the rest of my crop, and attended carefully to the gathering of that acre first, and God blessed me with a ready sale of 400 lbs. of lint Cotton gathered therefrom at 21 cents per lb. two thirds of which ($56) I send to this Conference, and the remaining third ($28) I retain for the calls incident to my own church.

Brethren rather than offer this as a praiseworthy act, far from it, I only humbly acknowledge it as a sense of duty to my Master's cause. For I think God has blessed me in my efforts And if the brethren will unite on this or some other plan similar to this, we will not have to call on outsiders to support our ministry.

At any rate, from the success and experience of this year, I shall trust Him again next, and surely my brethren, there are several who will join me in giving at least one acre out of 25 or 30 to the good of the cause, when we are indebted to God for all the benefits accruing from the other 29 acres. This is a duty in which we have been remiss, and having the matter under consideration who will now show their readiness to act? Come forward dear brethren, and instead of one Evangelist in the field, we will have the means of doing better than this.

The luxuries of two or three of our families could go almost as far as the entire means we are willing to grant poor ministers for their support.

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The committee on Evangelizing report:

That there is now in the Treasury for Evangelizing	$56 00
Amount pledged,	59 00
Total,	115 00

We recommend that Elder Battle be appointed to travel for the ensuing year upon the terms proposed in his report. There not being funds enough on hand to employ an Evangelist for the whole year the committee think it best to withhold them for the present, and act as circumstances may require.

Respectfully submitted.

J. McCOTTER, }
S. E. HODGES, } Com.
E. A. MOYE, }

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PREACHER'S NAMES.	POST-OFFICE.
John T. Walsh,	New Berne, Craven county.
W R. Fulcher,	" " "
Thos H. Bowen,	" " "
J. W P Holton,	" " "
Isaac P. Holton,	" ' "
Alonzo Holton,	" " "
Constantine Miller,	" " "
Josephus Latham,	Greenville, Pitt county.
George Joyner,	Marlboro, " "
Gideon Allen.	" " "
Henry D. Cason,	Swan Quarter, Hyde county.
S L. Davis,	Leachville, Beaufort county,
John R Winfield,	Pantego, " '
David H Miller,	Goldsboro, Wayne "
John J. Harper,	Newton Grove, Sampson county,
Daniel A Williams,	Haw Branch, Onslow "
Stanly Ayres,	Williamston, Martin "
Henry Robinson,	" " "
J. J Coltrain,	Jamesville, " "
J. M. Gurganus,	Plymouth, Washington "
Henry Gurganus,	" " "
Henry Cooper,	" " "
A. J. Battle,	Wilson, Wilson county.
J. H. Foye,	" " "

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATE'S NAMES,	Pledged.	Paid.	Dismissed.	Received	Baptized.	Excluded.	Died.	Membership.	Minute Fund.
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	W. Sutton. W. Kennedy, Drury Hill,.......	20 00			2			2	125	$ 4 00
Kinston,	"	Not represented,....								75	
Christian Chapel,	"	Not represented, ...								16	
Hookerton,	Greene,	E. Albritton, F. W. Dixon,...............		56 00		5	1			43	6 00
Antioch,	Pitt,	L. L. Prather, ...			2	2	18			88	5 00
Corinth,	"	E. A. Moye, M. T Moye,................ ..	25 00			1	11			52	3 00
Fellow's Chapel,	"	J. McCotter, J. K. Witherington, C. Smith,.	14 00		2	7	52		4	292	4 00
Rountrees,	"	Not represented, ...								90	
Oak Grove,	"	By letter,....						2	1	61	3 10
Brown's S. H ,	"	J. L. Smith, Lawrence Ward...........				15	34			49	2 00
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	By letter, ...				2	24	4		88	1 60
Six Runs,	"	Alladin Hatcher,.............								126	1 00
Shady Grove,	"	By letter, ...				1	6	2	1	98	2 00
Pleasant Union,	Wayne,	Not represented, ...								28	1 00
Mill Creek,	Johnson,	H. D. Harper,.............				2	36	1	1	170	3 00
Concord,	Beaufort,	Samuel Windley, ...			23		12		3	135	4 00
Old Ford,	"	Whitman Leggett,.......................			1		1	2	4	137	4 00
Transter's Creek,	"	Not represented,..................								57	
Beaver Dam,	"	Report by S Windly,................					35			90	
Head of Pungo,	"	Not represented.								22	
Pungo Chapel,	"	By letter, ...			1		6		5	30	1 00
Union Chapel,	"	G W Oden, Henry O. Cutler,............					3	2	1	90	1 50
Welch's Creek,	Martin,	Not represented, ...								71	
Christian Chapel,	"	Not represented, ...								52	
Macedonia,	"	J. Edwin Peele, ...						2		39	1 50
Poplar Run,	"	By Letter, ...					3			35	2 00
Taylor's Chapel,	"	Not represented,........................								36	

Jenkin's Chapel,	Onslow,	H. B. Basden,			2	1				44	50
Brown's S. H.,	"	By letter,				11	13			67	1 00
Otter's Creek,	Edgecome,	Not represented,								4	
Little Swift Creek,	Craven,	"								24	
Broad Creek,	"	"								35	
Bay Creek,	"	"								49	
Bethany,	"	"					25			57	
Concord,	"	"								33	
Goose Creek,	"	"								33	
South River,	"	"								23	
Long Acre,	Washington,	By letter,				1	3	2		30	1 00
Christian Hope,	"	"								50	
Clark's S. H.,	Hyde,	Reported by S. W.,					10			36	
Shady Grove,	Jones,	G P. Cox, Curtis Heath,					1			22	1 00
Tuckahoe,	"	S A. Huffman					2	2		88	1 50
Pleasant Hill,	"	J. H. Kinsey, J. Brown, Jno. Metts,					2		4	135	3 00
			$59 00	$56 00	31	49	301	15	26	2895	56 70

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MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST,

OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD AT

Fellow's Chapel, Pitt County, N. C.

October 7, 8, 9, 10, 1869.

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RIDGEWAY, N. C:
THOS. M. HUGHES, PRINTER,
1869.

PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, Oct. 7, 1869.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ of North Carolina, convened at Fellow's Chapel, Pitt county on Thursday before the 2nd Lord's day in October, A. D. 1869.

Elder A. J. Battle, who had been appointed at last Conference to preach the Introductory, being greatly enfeebled by suffering from a cancer on the face, and thereby unable to preach a regular discourse, read a portion of Scripture and in a very impressive and feeling manner exhorted the brethren to love one another and abide in the unity of the Faith.

Conference was then organized by choosing Elder Gideon Allen, Moderator; Bro. Jacob McCotter, Assistant; Elder Josephus Latham, Clerk; and Bro. Caleb Cannon, Assistant. The Officers all being present, entered immediately upon the discharge of their several duties.

The Moderator appointed the following Committes, viz:

On the Order of Business.—Elders Josephus Latham, D. H. Cason and A. C. Hart.

Committee of Finance.—Brethren J. E. Peel, Richard Taylor and H. A. Coltrain.

To Supply the Stand with Preachers.—Brethren Jacob McCotter, Wm. B. Moye, I. K. Withrington.

The Committee on the Order of Business made the following report, viz:

1. Calling the List of Churches.
2. Evangelizing.
3. Miscellaneous Business.

The report was received and the Committee discharged.

The Committee to Supply the stand with Preachers, report Elders H. Gurganus and H. D. Cason to preach on Friday.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning. Praise and prayer by Elder D. H. Cason.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 8th.

Conference assembled at the appointed hour, and was opened with singing and prayer by Elder J. R. Winfield.

The minutes of the preceeding meeting were read and approved.

In accordance with the report of the Committee on the Order of Business, the List of Churches was called, the result of which can be seen by reference to the Appendix. (See letter C.)

In compliance with the recommendation of the Church at Hookerton, the name of A. C. Hart was ordered to be placed on the roll of Preachers.

On motion, Bro. George T. Flinn, was invited to take a seat in Conference as a delegate from the Church at Concord, Beaufort County.

In compliance with the request of the Church at Concord, Beaufort County, on motion, the name of Elder J. B. Respass was again placed on the roll of Preachers.

On motion, the Church at South Creek, Craven County, was ordered to be erased from the List of Churches, there being no organization at that place.

The Church at White Hill, Beaufort County, applied for admission in the Conference, and, on motion, was received.

The Committee to supply the Stand with Preachers, report Elder J. J. Harper to preach on Friday night; Elders J. H. Foy and J. B. Respass to preach on Saturday; Elder J. R. Winfield to preach on Saturday night; and Elder J. B. Respass and Dr. J. T. Walsh to preach on Lord's day.

On motion, the report was received and the Committee discharged.

The Moderator appointed brethren Jacob McCotter, Samuel Windley and M. T. Moye, Committee on Evangelizing.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet on Saturday, at 9 o'clock, A. M. Singing and prayer by Dr. J. T. Walsh,

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SATURDAY, Oct 9th.

Conference met at the appointed hour, and was opened with singing and prayer by Elder J. L. Ballard.

The minutes of the preceeding day were read and approved.

On motion, Bro. Sherrod Belcher was invited to take a seat in Conference as a delegate from Antioch.

On motion, the name of Jesse L. Ballard was ordered to be placed on the roll of Preachers.

The Evangelizing report of Elder A. J. Battle was read, and, on motion, ordered to be placed on the Minutes. (See Appendix, letter A.)

The time and place of holding the next Conference was taken up and, by ballot, agreed, That the next Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ be held with the Church at Oak Grove, Pitt County, N. C., commencing Thursday before the 2d Lord's day in October, A. D., 1870.

On motion, Elder J. H. Foy was appointed to preach the Introductory, Dr. J. T. Walsh, contingent.

On motion, agreed that the money tendered by colored brethren, through Elder J. R. Winfield, be received, and copies of the Minutes be forwarded to them when printed.

On motion, Elder Josephus Latham was appointed to transcribe the Minutes, to record them in the Conference Book, and have them printed and distributed, and that he be allowed thirty dollars for his services.

On motion, agreed, that the colored brethren be advised to form a separate Conference, and that Elders A. J. Battle, H. D. Cason, J. R Winfield, Henry Gurganus and Dr. J. T. Walsh be appointed to confer with and assist them in their organization.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report, which, on motion, was received and the Committee discharged, viz:

TO PRINT THE MINUTES.

On hand from Contributions of last year,	$16 70
Contributions from the Churches this year,	67 30
“ “ Colored Brethren,	1 50
“ “ a private source,	1 50
Total,	$87 00

FOR EVANGELIZING.

From the Church at Hookerton, cash,	$100 00
“ “ “ “ Corinth, “	35 00
“ “ “ “ Wheat Swamp, pledged,	20 00
“ two good Sisters, cash,	2 50
“ J. P. Quinley, “	5 00
“ J. Harper, “	3 00
Total,	$165 50

Respectfully submitted,

J. E. PEEL,
RICH'D TAYLOR, } Com.
H. A. COLTRAIN,

On motion, Bro. Caleb Cannon was appointed Treasurer of the Conference.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay over to Elder Josephus Latham $87.00, to pay for transcribing, printing and distributing the Minutes.

Bro. M. T. Moye read the Obituary of Dr. J. A. Leggett, and, on motion, it was received and ordered to be appended to the Minutes. (See Appendix, B.)

The Committee on Evangelizing reported as follows, viz:

Contributions for Evangelizing last year,	$101 00
“ “ “ this year,	142 50
Amount pledged this year,	30 00
Total,	$273 50
Paid to Elder A. J. Battle,	30 00
Amount on hand,	$243 50

The amount of money in our hands being insufficient to procure the services of an Evangelist for the year, we deem it inexpedient to employ one at this time. But we would recommend that the expenses of Elders G Allen and J. Latham to the Western part of the State be paid out of the funds in our hands.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB McCOTTER, } Com.
SAMUEL WINDLEY, } Com.
M. T. MOYE, } Com.

On motion, the report was received, and the recommendation of the Committee adopted.

On motion, Elder A. J. Battle was appointed Traveling Evangelist, in accordance with the desire expressed in his report.

On motion, the Treasurer was ordered to pay fifty dollars, each, to Gideon Allen and Josephus Latham, as recommended by the Committee on Evangelizing.

On motion, the contributions for Evangelizing were placed in the hands of the Committee on Evangelizing, to be appropriated as the best interest of the cause may demand.

The Roll of Preachers was then called. [See Appendix, D.]

On motion, ordered, that fifteen hundred copies of the Minutes be printed for the use of the Churches.

The thanks of the Conference were tendered to the citizens for their kindness and hospitality, and to the Officers for the faithful discharge of their duties, and, on motion, adjourned to meet at the time and place appointed. Praise by Dr. J. T. Walsh. Prayer by Elder A. J. Battle.

GIDEON ALLEN, MODERATOR.
JACOB McCOTTER, Assistant.

JOSEPHUS LATHAM, Clerk.
CALEB CANNON, Assistant.

APPENDIX (A.)

EVANGELICAL REPORT.

DEAR BRETHREN:

Just before your last Annual Meeting, I had a severe attack of Bilious fever, which prevented me from meeting with you till Monday of your Session, and the ride of twenty-seven miles through a cold fog, produced a cough which has continued ever since. I was unable from feebleness to preach during October and most of November; I however, attended the Union Meeting at Brown's School House, Onslow county, the 5th Lord's day in November, and though troubled with my cough, I preached on Sunday to a large and attentive audience. I preached a few times at Kinston, and in Jones county in December and January, and attended the Union Meeting the 5th Lord's day in January, at Jenkin's Chapel. I met the Church at Hookerton, at its February meeting, and saw signs of good being done. I was at Brown's School House, in Pitt, at their regular meeting in March, and though the weather was very cold, we had a crowded house and lively interest manifested in the truth of God's word. I again met the Church at Hookerton, the 3rd Lord's day in March, and had the very great pleasure of hearing the confession of James Dixon, the youngest son of good old brother Windsor Dixon, and the last of his family to come into the Church of Christ, to the great joy of all his family and the Church And this appears to be the beginning of quite an interesting increase to the membership of that blessed Church. I set out the last week in March to visit Rutherfordton, and Riem's Creek in Buncombe county, and reached the former place the last day of the month. I made Colonel Fagg's my home—where I was cordially welcomed by the Colonel and his wife, our noble hearted sister—Jane L. Fagg. The houses of worship in the place were all closed against me, so I had to preach in the Court House (Latham's Chapel, as it is called there,) I had a very respectable attendance and a fixed attention to my sermons. and although I did not baptize any one in Rutherfordton, yet I feel assured that several very intelligent gentlemen and ladies became satisfied that we teach the true docrine of the Scriptures.

Several Baptists, a few Methodists and Prebyterians expressed their readiness to unite with us as soon as we could organize a Church there. I preached three times at Linche's Mill ten miles on the road to Asheville, and the last sermon on the 4th Lord's day in April, induced sister Augusta Lynche, (wife of the owner of the Mill,) to make the good confession, and at 4 o'clock, the same evening, I baptized her in Broad River, close to their residence, in the presence of a number of Baptists, who treated sister Lynch with a great deal of kindness and Christian affection.

Having walked from Rutherfordton to this point on my way to Asheville, I was unexpectedly assisted on my way by Mr. Portrum, who was going to Asheville after his sister.

I reached our brother, Dr. J. M. Baird's, Tuesday morning and was warmly welcomed by his kind family with whom I spent a few days very pleasantly. Brother Baird sent me to Riem's Creek on Friday following. On Saturday I visited Flat Creek, a Baptist place of worship, where I was treated very kindly by their minister, Elder Saws ; and since I left they voted to open their house, not only for me to preach in, but for any of our Preachers visiting there. Riems Creek Chapel, belonging to the Methodists, was closed against me, so I had to preach in a school house near by. On the 2nd Lord's day in May, however, Dr. Ragan, a Methodist minister, had an appointment for himself and he invited me to fill his appointment, which I thankfully accepted, and had a full house and an attentive and patient-hearing for an hour and a half. I had been quite sick the week previous, and my high fevers caused a cancer near my right eye to inflame and to commence eating so rapidly and becoming so painful that I had to close my labors just when everything appeared to be working for the advancement of Truth, and the prospect most encouraging to build up a Church there. I trust that the good seed of Gospel truth which I sowed in the few sermons I preached there, has paved the way for the next visiting Minister to gather in the fruit and establish a Church there or near by. I reached home on the 15th of May, and ever since have been entirely disabled from all ministerial work only as I could occasionally write a letter to a few of our brethren and sisters to speak a word of encouragement.

My affliction is evidently from the Lord, who is too wise to err and too good to afflict without a cause, and I feel assured that although it has been so painful and so confining, yet, it was for my good and I trust will be overruled for the good of His cause. I have borne it without murmuring or repining, and the language of my heart all the time has been, "Let the will of the Lord be done."—My appointment was without any salary being pledged for my support, and this was done at my request, and as events have transpired, I am glad it was so. When I got ready to go over the mountains, I had no funds to bear my expenses, and applied to the Evangelical Committee to let me have thirty dollars with which they readily supplied me. I intended to have refunded that sum, had I not been prevented from my work, for the brethren very liberally contributed to me as I traveled and labored among them. Sister Fagg paid me $30, which was the exact amount of my expenses, going and returning. But my necessities have been such during so long a confinement that I have had to expend every dollar I could get to meet my absolute wants. I have received altogether, including the $30 from your Committee, the sum of $228.45. My expenses up the country $30, leaving $198.45, contributed by brethren in this State,—the Hookerton Church paying $43.50 of it, and the rest sent to me from brethren in Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and Missouri. I trust and pray that the Lord will abundantly reward all those dear brethren and sisters for their kindness to their afflicted brother. If you think proper to appoint me as your Evangelist without salary, I shall be thankful, for it may be that the good Lord may restore me to his service, and if so, I want to work in His vineyard. May God bless your meeting and give great success to all your efforts to do good in His cause is the prayer of your Evangelist.

A. J. BATTLE.

(B.)

OBITUARY OF DR. JOHN A. LEGGETT.

The most exalted creation of earthly perfection is the Christian character, becoming more beautiful and lovely as it assimilates the divine perfections and the spotless purity of Jesus the Christ. Immersed in a world-atmosphere, deeply impregnated with the influences of evil and the contaminations of earthliness, the Christian rises superior to the allurements of sin, and the seductions of folly, and presents to the world a purity of life and a nobility of soul, unknown and unattainable by man in an unregenerate state. His life is the embodiment of a living, active, vital principle of holiness, an emanation from the Deity, clothed in the garb of humanity. It is not perfection, for perfection belongs only to God, yet, it is the nearest approximation to it to which mortality can attain.—When beautifully exemplified in the life and character of a good man, it sheds a benign influence upon the world and exerts a power for good in the Church the result of which eternity above can unfold.

Elder John A. Leggett was born in the County of Beaufort, State of North Carolina, on the 1st day of August, A. D., 1801. At the age of about twenty-five, he became obedient to the Faith, and attached himself to the congregation, worshipping at Old Ford, Beaufort County, then under the pastorate of his father and belonging to the Kehukee Association.

On the 2nd Lord's day in June, ~~A. D.~~, 1829, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Swain, of Martin Connty, ~~who survives him~~.

In June, ~~A. D.~~, 1833, the Church at Old Ford granted to him license "to exercise his gift in preaching," and on the 2nd Lord's day in June, ~~A. D.~~, 1835, he was regular ordained a Minister of the Gospel by Elders, Jeremiah and Daniel Leggett.

After the death of his father, which occurred shortly afterwards, he was called to preach to this congregation and "understanding the way of the Lord more perfectly," through his influence, this Church severed her connection with the Kehukee Association and attached herself to the Conference of the Disciples of Christ of North Carolina.

For a period of more than thirty years, he preached regularly and accceptably to the congregations, worshipping at Old Ford and Fanter's Creek.

In the year A. D., 1843, Elder Leggett studied the Thompsonian System of Medicine; and in a few years, he commanded a large practice and became eminently a successful practitioner. A large percentage of his practice was given gratuitously and unmurmuringly to the poor.

After a long life of great usefulness, he fell asleep in Jesus on the 2nd Lord's day in September, A. D., 1868. Conscious of the approach of death, he met the "*King* of *Terror*" calmly and "wrapped his mantle around him, and, as it were, laid himself down to pleasant dreams." He loved the Lord, and his end was peace.

Few men in his sphere have been more useful, labored more faithfully, or been more charitable to the poor, than Dr. Leggett. Those who knew him best, loved him most; and the best commentary on his life is, that his neighbors loved him as a father, and looked up to him as their Spiritual guide.

"Like autumn leaves," the pioneers of the Reformation are falling around us. Who will fill their places?

M. T. MOYE.

Farmville, N. C., Oct. 4th, 1869.

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(D.)

ROLL OF PREACHERS.

PREACHER'S NAMES.	POST OFFICE.
John T. Walsh,	New Berne, Craven County.
W. R. Fulcher,	" " "
Thomas H. Bowen,	" " "
J. W. P. Holton,	" " "
Isaac P. Holton,	" " "
Alonzo Holton,	" " "
Constantine Miller,	" " "
Josephus Latham,	Greenville, Pitt "
George Joyner,	Marlboro', " "
Gideon Allen,	" " "
H. D. Cason,	Swan Quarter, Hyde "
S. L. Davis,	Leachville, Beaufort "
John R. Winfield,	Pautego, " "
David H. Miller,	Goldsboro', Wayne "
John J. Harper,	Newton Grove, Sampson Co.
Daniel A. Williams,	Haw Branch, Onslow "
Stanley Ayres,	Williamston, Martin "
Henry Robinson,	" " "
J. J. Coltrain,	Jamesville, " "
J. M. Gurganus,	Plymouth, Washington "
Henry Gurganus,	" " "
Henry Cooper,	" " "
A. J. Battle,	Wilson, Wilson "
Joseph H. Foy,	Stantonsburg, " "
Jesse L. Ballard,	Tuckahoe, Jones "
J. B. Respass,	Bath, Beaufort "
A. C. Hart,	Hookerton, Greene "

STATISTICAL TABLE, (C.)

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Pledged	Paid.	Dismissed	Received.	Baptized.	Excluded.	Died.	Membership	Minute Fund.
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	S. W. Scarborough, R. B. Taylor	$ 20 00	$		2	5	2	2	123	$ 3 00
Kinston,	"	John Tull,								75	1 00
Christian Chapel,	"	Not Represented.								16	
Hookerton,	Greene,	A. C. Hart, Joseph Rouse, F. W Dixon,	100 00	100 00	2	12	6	1	1	51	5 00
Antioch,	Pitt,	W. A Brau, R. J. Weaver, S. Belcher,			4	14	12	1	2	88	5 00
Corinth,	"	M. T. Moye, R. B. Anderson,	35 00	35 00		1			1	52	3 00
Fellow's Chapel,	"	J. McCotter, Thos. Bland, J. P. Quinley,							3	192	4 00
Rountree's,	"	A. Evans, Caleb Cannon, C. Cannon, Jr.,					5			32	1 50
Oak Grove,	"	W. A. Roberson, H. Taylor,				8	7	4	2	66	4 00
Brown's S. H.,	"	W. H. Cobb, W. Stancil, J. L. Smith,				7	12	1	2	65	2 00
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	Not Represented,								88	
Six Runs,	"	Not Represented,								126	2 00
Shady Grove,	"	Reported by Elder Harper,							1	97	1 00
Pleasant Grove,	Wayne,	Reported by Eld r Latham,					11			39	
Mill Creek,	Johnson,	By Letter,	10 00			7	51			194	3 25
Concord,	Beaufort,	P. H. Johnston, S. Windley, G. T. Finn,					22			157	4 00
Old Ford,	"	By Letter,				4	32			172	4 00
Trauter's Creek,	"	Adolphus Ward,			1		23			72	1 00
Beaver Dam,	"	Z, Shepherd,				1	21	4	3	132	2 50
Head of Pungo,	"	G. H. F. Davis,				1	1			28	
Pungo Chapel,	"	By Letter,					3		3	32	1 00
Union Chapel,	"	G. W. Oden,				4	9			81	2 00
White Hill,	"	Thomas Tunsill, J. W. Walker,				3	23			26	
Long Acre,	"	By Letter,					3			37	1 00
Welsh's Creek,	Martin,	Not Represented,								71	
Christian Chapel,	"	By Letter,				21	14	1		35	1 00
Macedonia,	"	J. E. Peel, H. A. Coltrain,					4	4		37	1 50
Popular Run,	"	By Letter,					1		2	34	1 00
Taylor's Chapel,	"	By Letter,					1	2	1	25	1 00
Jenkin's Chapel,	Onslow,	Not Represented.								44	

Brown's S. H.	Onslow,	W. C. Jarman, J. T. Whaley,			12	2	1			57	1 00
Little Swift Creek,	Craven,	H. Gaskins, D. Gaskins,								14	1 00
Broad Creek,	"	B. Holton, H. T. Dunn,				2			1	32	1 00
Bay Creek,	"	Not Represented,								49	
Bethany,	"	S. S. Britton, G. R. Lewis, O. P. Banks,				1			1	53	2 50
Concord,	"	Not Represented,								33	
Goose Creek,	"	Not Represented,								23	
Christian Hope,	Washington,	By Letter,					18			82	1 00
New Hope,	"	Reported,					13		2	18	
Sound Side,	"	By Letter,					19			44	50
Clark's S. H.	Hyde,	Not Represented,								36	
Shady Grove,	Jones,	G. P. Cox, G. R. Rand,				1		1	3	19	1 50
Tuckahoe,	"	Reported,				2	1	2		84	1 55
Pleasant Hill,	"	W. B. Fodum, A. B. Kinsey,				1		4	5	132	2 50
		Total,	$ 165 00	$ 135 00	19	94	318	27	35	3063	$67 30

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MINUTES

OF THE

Annual Meeting

OF THE

Disciples of Christ,

OF

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD WITH

THE CHURCH OF CHRIST,

AT

OAK GROVE, PITT CO., N. C.,

October 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th, 1870.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The ministers and messengers to the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ met at Oak Grove, Pitt County, N. C., on Thursday, Oct. 6th, 1870.

Elder J. H. Foy, who was appointed by the last Annual Meeting to preach the Introductory, delivered the discourse from the following—"Repent, and be baptized"—Act II, 38.

Conference was then organized by choosing Elder G. Allen, Moderator; Elder H. D. Cason, Assistant; Jos. Latham, Clerk, with Bro. C. Cannon, Assistant.

The officers entered immediately upon the discharge of their several duties.

The Moderator appointed the following committees, viz:

On the Order of Business—Dr. F. W. Dixon, E. A. Moye, and Elder J. H. Foy.

On Committee of Finance—M. T. Moye, J. B. Respess, and P. H. Johnson.

To supply the stand with preachers—S. Ayres, Jas. Robinson, W. Brand.

The Committee on Order of Business make the following report, viz:

1 Calling List of Churches.
2 Evangelizing.
3 Periodicals.
4 Hymn Books.
5 Lord's Day Schools.
6 Miscellaneous Business.

On motion, the report was received and committee discharged.

The committee to supply the stand, report A. C. Hart to preach to-night; John M. Gurganus and J. H. Foy, to-morrow.

In accordance with the order of business the list of churches was commenced. To see the result, turn to App. Letter A.

On motion, agreed to adjourn until to-morrow at 10 o'clock. Praise and prayer by Elder J. B. Respess.

FRIDAY, Oct. 7th, 1870.

Conference opened with praise and prayer by Bro. M. T. Moye. The proceedings of yesterday being read, were approved.

On motion, the newly organized church at Bentonsville, Johnston county, was ordered to be placed on the list.

The calling of the list of churches was finished, and then the second division of business, viz: Evangelizing, was taken up.

On motion, Brethren C. Cannon, M. T. Moye, and J. Latham, were appointed to draft resolutions upon the most important subject, to be submitted to-morrow.

Much enthusiasm seemed to be manifested by the brethren assembled; and we hope the time is not far distant, when the Gospel will be borne in triumph to destitute portions of our fair land.

Committee report Elder Miller to preach to-night; Elders Allen and Respess, to-morrow.

Adjourned till 9 1-2 o'clock to-morrow.

SATURDAY, Oct. 8th, 1870.

Conference met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder John M. Gurganus.

The committee on Evangelizing make the following report. See App. Letter B.

On motion, the report was received and committee discharged.

3 Division of busines—Periodicals.

This subject was freely discussed; and there appearing to be so much desire manifested for a Paper, the following resolution was unanimously adopted. See App., Letter C.

4 Hymn Books.

This subject being freely discussed, the unpleasantness or inconvenience of three or four different kinds of books was referred to; and while the one most commonly used was considered "good enough," yet it having gone out of print, and being impossible to supply ourselves with them, it was

Resolved, To adopt the New Edition of the Christian Hymn Book, published by the Christian Missionary Society, (which can be had from Dr. Walsh.)

5 Lord's Day Schools.

On motion, agreed that we recommend the Church of Christ everywhere to have Lord's Day Schools, at which children may be taught to love the truth instead of error, and to grow up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

We are happy to know that many schools have allready sprung up among our churches, and are doing a good work.

6 Miscellaneous Business.

On motion, the resolutions in regard to Elder Battle were adopted and ordered to be placed on the minutes. See Letter D, App.

On motion, Bro. M. T. Moye was appointed to write the Obituary for these minutes.

The committee to supply the stand report Dr. Walsh to preach the funeral solemnities of the lamented A. J. Battle on Saturday night; also, that Dr. Walsh and J. H. Foy preach on Sunday.

On motion, the names on the list of preachers were called.

On motion, the name of T. H. Bowen was erased from the list for alleged immoral conduct. Requested by Bethany Church.

On montion, the name of Elder A. J. Battle was erased, in consequence of his death.

On motion, the names of Jos. G. Gurganus, A. Latham, Thos. Roebuck, and W. H. Cobb, were added to the list by recommendation. Through the desire of Corinth Church, M. T. Moye's name is added.

On motion, the obituary (written by Bro. Isaac Brown) of Elder Wm. Heath was accepted, and ordered to be placed upon the minutes.

On motion, the time and place of holding the Annual Meeting was taken up, and there being petitions from Kinston, Hookerton, and Antioch, each was voted for separately, and a majority favoring, it was appointed to be held with the church at Antioch, Pitt county, N. C.—commencing on Thursday before 2nd Lord's Day in October, 1871,

On motion, Elder H. D. Cason was appointed to preach the Introductory, and Elder J. Latham, his alternate.

Having heard with pleasure that the colored Disciples have partially at least succeeded in organizing their Conference, we bid them God speed.

On motion, Elders J. B. Respess, J. R. Winfield and S. L. Davis were appointed to meet them in their next Conference, and assist them in a more perfect organization; and we send them one hundred minutes for their churches.

On motion, Elder G. Allen was appointed a delegate to the Grand Council of the Union Baptists, and he was allowed ten dollars from the minute fund to pay his expenses.

On motion, the preamble, &c., adopted by Corinth and Antioch churches, in regard to the reconciliation of our beloved brethren, Elder P. E. Hines and A. J. Battle, was ordered to be placed on the Conference Record, showing the fraternal feelings towards each other, proving neither party to blame when the matter was sufficiently understood.

Bro. Hines' beautiful and affecting remarks at his burial touched many a heart, coupled as they were with the hymn selected by Bro. Hines:

> "Dear as thou wert, and justly dear,
>   We will not weep for thee;
> One thought shall check the starting tear;
>   It is, that thou art free."

On motion, Elder J. Latham was appointed to transcribe the minutes, prepare them for the press, distribute them, and record them in the conference book, and he be allowed twenty-five dollars for his services. Ordered, that 1,500 copies be printed, and that 100 copies be sent to the colored brethren who have formed a separate conference.

On motion, it was ordered that the Treasurer pay over the amount of minute fund, $84 20, to J. Latham.

On motion, the thanks of this Conference were returned to the officers of the meeting for their faithful performance of their duties, and to the citizens of the community for their kindness and hospitality during our stay with them.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow at 9 o'clock. Praise and prayer by Elder Walsh.

Lord's Day, Oct. 9th, 1870.

Conference met according to adjournment; prayer by Bro. M. T. Moye.

After transacting a little unfinished business of yesterday, the ordination of Bro. M. T. Moye to the ministry took place, being preceeded by a fine address on the subject by Dr. Walsh.

On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at Antioch, Pitt county, N. C., on Thursday before the 2nd Lord's Day of October, 1871; after which we repaired to the stand and heard J. H. Foy and Dr. Walsh preach to one of the largest, if not the largest, congregation assembled on any similar occasion; after which we soon separated, many disciples, doubtless, rejoicing that they had lived to attend another of our annual meetings, noted for peace and harmony.

G. ALLEN, *Moderator*,
H. D. CASON, *Assistant*.

JOS. LATHAM, *Clerk*,
C. CANNON, *Assistant*.

List of Ministers with their Post Offices.

1	J. T. WALSH	Newbern	Craven	County,	N. C.
2	W. R. FULCHER	"	"	"	"
3	J. W. P. HOLTON	"	"	"	"
4	I. P. HOLTON	"	"	"	"
5	ALONZO HOLTON	"	"	"	"
6	C. MILLER	"	"	"	"
7	J. LATHAM	Greenville	Pitt	"	"
8	G. JOYNER	Marlboro'	"	"	"
9	G. ALLEN	"	"	"	"
10	H. D. CASON	Washington	Beaufort	County,	N. C.
11	S. L. DAVIS	Leachville	"	"	"
12	J. R. WINFIELD	Pantego	"	"	"
13	A. LATHAM, Jr.	"	"	"	"
14	D. H. MILLER	Goldsboro'	Wayne	"	"
15	J. J. HARPER	Bentonsville	Johnston	"	"
16	D. A. WILLIAMS	Haw Branch	Onslow	"	"
17	STANLEY AYRES	Williamston	Martin	"	"
18	H. ROBINSON	"	"	"	"
19	THOMAS ROEBUCK	"	"	"	"
20	J. J. COLTRAIN	Jamesville	"	"	"
21	J. M. GURGANUS	Plymouth	Washington	County,	N. C.
22	J. G. GURGANUS	"	"	"	"
23	HENRY GURGANUS	"	"	"	"
24	HENRY COOPER	"	"	"	"
25	J. H. FOY	Kinston	Lenoir	"	"
26	J. L. BALLARD	"	"	"	"
27	J. B. RESPESS	Bath	Beaufort	"	"
28	A. C. HART	Hookerton	Greene	"	"
29	W. H. COBB	Rocky Mount	Edgecombe	"	"
30	M. T. MOYE	Wilson	Wilson	"	"
31	LEMUEL SUMMERLIN	Bentonsville	Johnston	County,	N C.

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APPENDIX--A.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES' NAMES.	Baptised.	Received.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Membership.	Min. Fund.
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	By letter,	3	2		4	1	139	$3 00
Kinston,	“	J. Tull, S. H. Rountree, I. Wood,	17	21				40	7 00
Christian Chapel,	“	Not represented,						16	
Hookerton,	Greene,	J. Rouse, J. Taylor, F. W. Dixon,	8	21	1			79	5 00
Antioch,	Pitt,	W. A. Brand, E. Turner,	1	1	5	3	1	80	5 00
Corinth,	“	M. T. Moye, E. A. Moye, I. J. Anderson,		1	2	2	2	47	3 00
Fellow's Chapel,	“	J. K. Wethrington, T. Bland,	1	1	6	2	4	283	2 50
Rountree's	“	Caleb Cannon, Amos Evans,	1				1	41	1 50
Oak Grove,	“	S. H. Taylor, S. E. Brown, J. R. Robinson,	1	3	5	3		63	3 00
Mount Pleasant,	“	W. H. Stancill, W. Stancill,	6	8		2		76	2 00
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	Not represented,						88	
Six Runs,	“	“						126	
Shady Grove,	“	By letter,						97	2 00
Pleasant Grove,	Wayne,	“						39	
Mill Creek,	Johnston,	“			13	3	2	150	2 00
Bentonsville,	“	“	2	23				25	1 00
Concord,	Beaufort,	P. H. Johnston, S. Windley, J. F. Latham,	3				1	154	4 00
Old Ford,	“	J. Woolard, F. B. Hodges,	33		2		2	169	4 00
Tranter's Creek,	“	A. C. Holt, J. Baynor, A. Ward,	10		4			85	1 00
Beaver Dam,	“	By letter,	9	2		3		140	1 00
Head of Pungo,	“	Not represented,						28	
Pungo Chapel,	“	By letter,					3	30	1 35

Union Chapel,	"	G. Oden, H. D. Cutler,	24				2	114	2 00
White Hill,	"	Riley Caton, T. D. Norman,	3	3				30	1 00
North Creek,	"	Radcliffe,						14	1 00
Welsh Creek,	Martin,	Edwin Ange,	4			2	2	46	1 00
Christian Chapel,	"	T. Ayers, W. H. Wilson,	30	3	11			49	2 50
Macedonia,	"	J. E. Peel, W. Wynn, J. H. Woolard,	7	1				46	1 50
Poplar Run,	"	J. E. Mizzell, W. C. Mizzell, S. H. Davis,	1			1		33	1 00
Taylor's Chapel,	"	Stanley Stallings,	1	1	1		1	28	1 00
Jenkin's Chapel,	Onslow,	Not represented,							
Brown's S. H.,	"	By Letter,		9	8	1	1	62	75
Kitt swamp,	Craven,	"						14	1 00
Broad Creek,	"	"						35	1 00
Bay Creek,	"	G. Whealton, S. Whealton,	11	1				56	2 00
Bethany,	"	R. H. Hardison,				1	2	50	3 00
Concord,	"	By letter,						25	1 00
Goose Creek,	"	S. L. Holton, Thomas Holton,	7	5		1	1	41	2 00
Long Acre,	Washington,	H. H. Bowen, C. B. Latham,	4					39	1 00
Christian Hope,	"	J. W. Girkin, A. Jackson, L. Jackson,	4					81	1 00
New Hope,	"	By letter,	2					21	1 00
Sound Side,	"	C. Swain, McDavis, J. Craft,	21			2		65	1 50
Clark S. H.	Hyde,	Not represented,						19	
Shady Grove,	Jones,	By letter,	26	4				49	1 65
Tuckahoe,	"	J. W. Hoffman,	2					86	1 00
P. Hill,	"	By letter,	14	3		5	2	142	2 00
Beaufort,	Carteret,	Not Represented—14 members.							
			260	104	58	35	28	3169	$79 30

Christian Publications.

The publications of the Christian Brotherhood, including the Christian Hymn Book adopted at the late Conference, and other Biblical and Theological works, may be had of Elder J. T. Walsh, Newbern, N. C.

APPENDIX.

B.

REPORT ON EVANGELIZING.

Bro. Moderator: Your committee on the subject of Evangelizing report,

1st. That the dissemination of the Gospel belongs to the churches of Christ, and hence we recommend to the congregations composing this Annual Meeting to organize themselves into Union Co-operative Meetings to accomplish a more efficient system of evangelizing, and would suggest that the churches of Christ in Eastern North Carolina be divided into three Districts, known as the 1st, 2nd and 3rd, as the interest of the cause demands. The first District to include all the congregations north of Tar River; the second, all between the Tar and the Neuse; and the third, all South of the Neuse.

2nd. That all the funds on hand belonging to this Annual meeting be divided equally between the three Districts. 1st District to R. T. Hodges; 2nd, to F. W. Dixon; 3rd, to T. H. Kinsey.

3rd. That each of these District Co-operation Meetings be requested to report to the Conference the amount of money paid by each congregation within its respective limits for evangelizing and local preaching.

☞ Let every letter sent to our next Annual Conference state the amount paid the traveling preacher, and also for the local or pastor, &c.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. LATHAM,
C. CANNON, } Committee.
M. T. MOYE,

C.

PERIODICALS.

Whereas, We deeply feel the necessity of a weekly publication in North Carolina in support of Bible Christianity;

Resolved, That all our brethren who feel any interest in this noble enterprise be requested to immediately send their names to the talented and accomplished editor, J. H. Foy, Kinston, N. C., who has been selected to edit the paper; and as soon as a sufficient number of subscribers is received the first number will be issued, and you will be called upon to send the subscription price ($2). Act now, brethren, and get the finest paper in the State. If you neglect this it will not be published. Act! Act!! Act!!!

D.

RESOLUTIONS IN REGARD TO ELDER BATTLE.

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God, the Sovereign Ruler and Disposer of events, to remove our well beloved brother and co-laborer in the Lord, Elder A. J. Battle, from his sphere of earthly usefulness, and,

Whereas, The Disciples of Christ in North Carolina, for whom he has labored so faithfully in the past, have heard the melancholly tidings of his decease; now, therefore, be

Resolved, 1st, That while as Christians we are constrained to bow with submission to this afflictive dispensation of his Father and ours, we feel that one of our noblest men has been gathered to his fathers, and that the Church has sustained a serious loss in the removal of one so eminently qualified by the clearness of his mind, and childlike purity and simplicity of his life for the promulgation of the Primitive Gospel.

2nd. That the Moderator of this Conference be requested to appoint some brother to prepare an obituary notice of the deceased, to appear with the minutes of this Conference and to be enrolled on its records.

3rd. That we tender our heartfelt sympathies to his surviving partner and the other members of his family in their bereavement, and assure them of our great and abiding confidence that God will sustain them by his grace if they lean upon his love.

4th. That a copy of these resolutions be drafted by the Clerk of the Meeting and forwarded by mail to the widow of our dear departed brother; and that the *Christian Review and C. Standard* of Cincinnati, and the Wilson *Plain Dealer* be furnished with copies for publication.

E.

OBITUARY

ON THE DEATH OF

ELDER AMOS JOHNSON BATTLE.

Elder Amos Johnson Battle, the son of Joel and Mary P. Battle, was born at Shell Bank, in the County of Edgecombe, State of North Carolina, on the 11th of January, A. D., 1805.

His parents being of an influential family and having ample means, gave to their son the superior advantages of a good education, which he continued to enrich by close study and extensive reading during the whole of his laborious and useful life.

Placed above the necessity of laboring and possessing talents of a high order, the world proffered to him success and honors in the learned professions, the arena of politics, and the emoluments of wealth; all of which he spurned as possessing inferior aspirations to the sublimity and divine perfections of the Gospel of Christ.

In early life he was deeply impressed with the importance of obeying God; but having his mind greatly confused by the *mystic* and *muddled* doctrines of those who deny to man free agency, for a few years during his early manhood he gave himself freely to the pleasures and frivolities of the world. These proving altogether unsatisfactory, and feeling deeply impressed with the conviction that life should be devoted to more noble purposes and higher aspirations than mere animal gratification, he again directed his mind to the serious contemplation of the salvation of his soul.

Still mystified by those "mysterious manifestations" of the Spirit so often portrayed in the *experiences* of those who united with the Church in his immediate vicinity, he sought by prayer and humble supplication that God would make known to him, either by an "audible voice," or by some mysterious spiritual agency, his acceptability and election to eternal life ; and failing in this, to obtain that peace of mind for which he sought, he turned to the Living Oracles of God; and learning therein the Divine Will, he became obedient to the Faith, uniting with the Missionary Baptist Church at Mount Zion, Georgia, in his 23rd year.

Three years afterwards, having returned to North Carolina, he was ordained to the ministry at a Baptist Convention held with the Church at Rogers' Cross Roads in the County of Wake. Entering upon his ministerial duties with a zeal and fervency which few possess, he devoted his means, his talents, and his life, to the proclamation of that glorious Gospel which he loved so well; preaching very acceptably and successfully during the remainder of his life, with the exception of a few intervals of short duration—first, to the Missionary Baptists: afterwards, to the Disciples of Christ, with whom he became identified about eighteen years ago.

Warm hearted, self sacrificing, zealous, and greatly devoted to Christianity, he endured hardness as a good soldier, even walking from house to house, from church to church, to proclaim the glad tidings of Salvation. Patient, hopeful, and forgiving, he meekly received the indignities which were heaped upon him—submitting his cause to God in the great Assize where the secrets of all hearts shall be revealed.

In the month of March, A. D., 1869, whilst successfully prosecuting the work of an Evangelst in the mountain region of North Carolina, he was attacked with cancer near the outward corner of his right eye, which became so painful that he was compelled, reluctantly, to abandon that inviting field where the harvest was *almost ready* for the sickle, and return home to seek medical aid. After applying various prescribed remedies, which failed to arrest the progress of the disease, he was induced, as a last resort, to place himself under the medical supervision of Dr. R. H. Kline of Philadelphia, who professes to make the treatment of cancer a specialty. Here, patiently enduring great suffering, both from the malignity of the disease and the severity of the treatment, which caused the loss of his right eye, at the expiration of five months, he returned home so much improved, that he himself and many of his friends were encouraged to believe that he would be speedily cured; but in this they were sadly disappointed.

Remaining at home about six weeks, preaching occasionally at the Court House in Wilson, the progress of his disease remaining unchecked, he again returned to Kline's Cancer Infirmary; but the skill of the physicians proving ineffectual, he was declared incurable and sent home to die. For five or six weeks longer he lingered, prostrated by the most intense physical sufferings, from which he was relieved by death on the 24th of September, A. D., 1870.

During the whole of his protracted and excruciating sufferings, which extended over the space of more than eighteen months, no murmuring complaints against the afflictive hand of Providence were ever known to have escaped his lips; but with the most perfect resignation, as a true Christian, he neither murmured nor complained. Only *one* sorrow seemed to brood over his mind, and that was, that he was denied the happy privilege of laboring in the Master's Vineyard. He often spoke of this with *deep* regret. The highest order of spirituality to be attained on earth was evidently acquired by him before his death. As an evidence of the truthfullnes of this assertion, the complete dedication of himself to God, found after his death, among his papers, in his own hand writing, is hereby inserted in full, as follows:

"Eternal and ever-blessed God! I desire to present myself before Thee with deepest humiliation and abasement of soul—sensible how unworthy such a worm is to appear before Thee, Holy Majesty of Heaven, and to enter into covenant transactions with Thee. I come, acknowledging myself to have been a great offender; smiting on my breast, and saying with the humble Publican, "God, be merciful to me a Sinner." I come, invited in the name of thy Son, and wholly trusting in his perfect righteousness—entreating that, for his sake, Thou wilt be merciful to my unrighteousness, and wilt no more remember my sins. Permit me, O Lord, to bring back unto Thee those powers and faculties which I have ungratefully and sacriligiously alienated from thy service; and receive, I beseech Thee, thy poor, revolted creature, who is now convinced of thy right to him, and who desires nothing in the world so much as to be Thine. It is with the utmost solemnity that I make this surrender of myself to Thee. I avouch the Lord, this day, to be my God; and I avouch and declare myself, this day, to be one of his covenant children and people.

"Hear, O! Thou God of Heaven, and record it in the book of thy remembrance, that I *am Thine, eternally Thine.* I would not consecrate to Thee *some* of my *powers*, or some of my possessions, or give to Thee a *certain portion* of my services, or all I am capable of, for a *limited* time; but I would be *wholly Thine*, and *Thine forever.* From this day do I solemnly renounce all the former lords which have had dominion over me; every sin and every lust which have most unjustly usurped the empire over my soul, and, in thy name bid defiance to Hell and to all the corruptions which their fatal temptations have introduced into my soul. The whole powers of my nature, all the faculties of my mind, and all the members of my body would I present before Thee, this day, "as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God," which I know to be my most reasonable service. To Thee I consecrate not only my person and powers, but all my worldly possessions; and earnestly pray Thee also to give me strength and courage to exert for Thy glory all the influence I may have over others in all the relations of life in which I stand. Nor do I consecrate all that I am and all that I have *only* to thy service, but I also most humbly resign and submit to Thy holy and sovereign will myself and all that I call mine.

"I leave, O Lord, to thy management and direction all I possess and all that I wish; and set every enjoyment and every interest before Thee, to be disposed of as Thou pleaseth—contentedly resolving, in all that Thou appointest for me, my will unto Thine; and looking on myself as nothing, and on Thou, O God, as the Great Eternal All, whose word ought to determine every thing, and whose government ought to be the joy of the whole rational Creation.

"Receive, O Heavenly Father, thy Prodigal; wash me in the blood of thy dear Son; clothe me with Thy perfect righteousness, and sanctify me throughout by the power of Thy Spirit. And, O Lord, when Thou seest the agonies of dissolving nature upon me, remember this Covenant, even though I should be incapable of recollecting it, and look with pitying eye upon thy dying child. Put strength and confidence into my departing spirit, and receive it to the embrace of Thine everlasting love."

Often seated by his bedside to receive spiritual instruction, which flowed so sweetly from his holy lips, he *often* expressed to me his entire resignation, saying: "No lingering shade of doubt of perfect acceptance with God disturbs my mind. I am perfectly resigned—willing and anxious for my earthly dissolution; yet I do not desire to hasten my death one moment, nor to prolong my life one moment, unless it is God's will. He knoweth best, and doeth all things well." Addressing his wife and children a short time previous to his death, he said: "Do not be so selfish as to desire to have me remain here in this suffering condition. Weep not for me. Christ was made perfect through suffering; and I am willing to endure every thing the Lord may see fit to afflict me with. It will all soon be over. And I am so happy at the prospect of rest and happiness that nothing disturbs me."

The humble petition to the pitying eye of God was beautifully answered in his conflict with the "last enemy" of man; for he died without a perceptible pang—falling "asleep in Jesus" as peacefully and gently as a child seeks repose, nestling on the bosom of its mother.

M. T. MOYE.

WILSON, N. C., October 26th, 1870.

F.

OBITUARY

ON THE DEATH OF

ELDER WILLIAM HEATH.

Elder William Heath was born to Samuel and Elizabeth, July 22d, A. D., 1816, and was the youngest of five children by his mother, his father having born to him by a second marriage three children. His parents had but little of this world's goods; and he was raised to a life of toil and hardship, having obtained but a limited education.

He was married to Mary Spencer, A. D., 1837; and became obedient to the Faith the 15th of July, 1842; and united with the Congregation of Disciples at Pleasant Hill, Jones County, then under the pastorate of the much beloved (but since deceased) Elder Robert Bond.

He commenced preaching A. D., 1845, in his immediate neighborhood, and extended his labors as opportunity offered. He was quite poor in this worlds goods—with an increasing family dependent on his individual labors for their support.

At that time it was too often thought, that a "free salvation" implied that preaching should be free of charge also. And it is even now to be feared, that too few of *us* remember the Lord has ordained that they who preach the Gospel should live of the Gospel.

He often accompanied the late beloved Elder John Jarman, and assisted him in preaching and building up churches. And later, the pastorate at Tuckahoe, Jenkin's Chapel, Brown's School house, Shady Grove, and a few others, were almost entirely dependent on him.

Who but the All Seeing Eye can tell of the anguish and conflicting emotions that he experienced between his duty to his God, and those loved ones at home whom God had confided to his care? How often did he believe that it was impossible for him to bear the burden placed upon him unaided! But God, in whom he had put his trust, aided him. And he continued to preach nearly every Lord's Day, and often of week days and nights, up to the time of his death (which terminated his earthly existence) the 27th of November, A. D., 1867.

He has left us a noble example of self-sacrificing faith and trust, that it will be well for us to follow. He left a wife and eight children surviving him. "Let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like his."

Yours in the Faith,

ISAAC BROWN.

JONES COUNTY, N. C., Oct. 6th, 1870.

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MINUTES

OF THE

STATE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST,

OF

NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD AT ANTIOCH, PITT COUNTY,

OCTOBER 5TH, 6TH, 7TH, 8TH, 1871.

NEWBERN, N. C.
NATHANIEL S. RICHARDSON, PRACTICAL BOOK, CARD AND JOB PRINTER.
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PROCEEDINGS.

THURSDAY, Oct. 5th, 1871.

The Ministers and Messengers to the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ, assembled at Antioch, Pitt Co., N. C., on Thursday, 5th October, 1871.

Elder Cason, who was appointed by the last Annual Meeting, being sick, Elder J. Latham, his alternate, delivered a discourse from II and III chapters of 1st Corinthians.

The meeting was then organized by choosing, (by ballot,) Elder G. Allen, Moderator, with Elder George Joyner, Assistant, Josephus Latham, Secretary, with Bro. W. J. Moye, Assistant.

On motion, the Order of Business of last year was adopted, viz:

1. Calling the list of Churches.
2. Evangelizing.
3. Periodicals.
4. Hymn Books.
5. Lord's Day Schools.
6. Miscellaneous Business.

The Moderator appointed Brethren S. Windley, J. K. Witherington, and C. Cannon, a Committee of Finance.

To supply the stand with preachers, Brethren J. W. May, Wm. Frazier, S. Rasberry.

On Motion, Bro. Caleb Cannon was continued as Treasurer of this Meeting.

1st Division of Business. Calling the list of Churches was taken up, and the following responded as stated. See Statistical Table, App. Letter A.

When the name North Creek Church was called, it was moved that the reading of its letter be postponed, in consequence of having received S. H. Tyson as a member.

FRIDAY, Oct. 5th, 1871.

Conference met. Praise and prayer by Elder Holton, after which the calling of the churches was resumed, and to the regular list there was added a goodly number of churches, viz: Bethel, Lenoir Co.; Little Creek, Greene Co.; Taylor's S. H., Greene Co.; Chapman's S. H., Craven Co.; Berea, Pitt Co.; Lane's Chapel, Craven Co.; Neal's Chapel, Hyde Co.; Bethlehem, Craven Co.; Trinity, Beaufort Co.; Union Chapel, Beaufort Co.; (new church,) South West, Lenoir Co.; Albermarle, Washington Co.; Alpha, Craven Co.

On motion, the names of James L. Winfield, Irvin Jones, and J. T. Davis, from the U. Baptists; E. L. Sowers, of the F. W. Baptists, and Stephen Moore, of the Missionary Baptists, were received, and ordered to be placed upon the list of preachers.

Business suspended for Bro. J. L. Winfield to preach—his subject being found in 46th and 47th verses of 24th chapter of Luke: "Repentance and remission of sins should be preached among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem, &c."

2nd Division of Business. Evangelizing.

Upon this subject only one of three co-operations reported viz: the one between Tar and Neuse, or central co-operation, which report, on motion, was accepted and ordered to be placed upon the Minutes. See Appendix, Letter B.

Conference took recess to hear Bro. Alonzo Holton preach.—Subject, John 3 chap. 16 v. "God so loved the world, &c."

FRIDAY NIGHT.

In consequence of the rain, Bro. Davis failed to preach.

SATURDAY, Oct. 6th, 1871.

Conference met according to adjournment. Praise and prayer by Elder Peter E. Hines.

In reference to North Creek Church, Bro. Walsh offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, As the sense of the delegates of the churches of Christ in convention assembled,

That, in view of the fact that S. H. Tyson, charged with immoral conduct, has not, in the estimation of those brethren and churches best qualified to judge, given proper evidence of repentance; and whereas, the church at North Creek has, in our judgment, acted hastily, prematurely, and unwisely in receiving him to membership, and particularly in restoring his ministerial functions, and delegating him to this body, in opposition to the known wishes of the church at Pungo Chapel; and, whereas, the peace of the churches is likely to be disturbed by the action of said North Creek Church, while we disclaim any disciplinary power, we strongly recommend and urge the North Creek Church to set herself right with her sister churches, by demanding of said S. H. Tyson, that he shall go to Pungo Chapel and make such confessions of repentance and amendment of life as the gospel requires; and that the said *Pungo Chapel, when such confession and amendment of life in fruits meet for repentance shall have been given, that they restore him to membership in their body, simply as a private member; and if he shall then continue to live an upright and godly life after he has been fully proved, to restore him his ministerial functions.

On motion, it was accepted.

3rd Division. Periodicals. As a failure to start the paper recommended by our last Annual Meeting was made, the following were mentioned as worthy of our support:—Weeklies: A. C. Review, Cincinnati, Ohio, B. Franklin editor, price $2; C. Standard, the same place and same price, Isaac Errett, editor; Apostolic Times, Lexington, Kentucky, M. E. Lard and others editors, price $2 50; Christian Monitor, monthly, Mrs. Gordin, Philadelphia, price $2—a very excellent ladies paper; Little Sower, a perfect gem for boys and girls, L. H. Dowling, Indianapolis, price $1; Little Watchman, for the wee ones, 50 cents per annum; Christian Examiner, Richmond, price $2; &c.

4th Division. Hymn Books. No cause to change the recommendation of last year, viz; the Christian Hymn Book, published by our brethren in Ohio, and sold by Dr. J. T. Walsh, Newbern, N. C. ☞ From whom any of the publications of our brethren may be obtained.

5th Division. Lord's Day Schools.

Upon this subject addresses were delivered by Bro. J. W. Harper, J. T. Walsh, Jno. R. Winfield, and J. Latham, strongly re-

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* Let it be here understood that Pungo Chapel Church has a right to do as it pleases about the matter.

commending them to our brethren as important auxiliaries to the gospel, provided the right kind of books be used. We rejoice to hear that so many schools are carried on among us; glad to see an increased interest in this respect.

Conference suspended to hear Bro. M. T. Moye preach. Subject, "The New Name," Isaiah 65th chapter.

Conference met for evening session.

The Committee of Finance report:

The amount of Minute Fund from last year in J. Latham's hands, - - - -	$20 00
Contributions this year, (1871,) - - - -	79 75
	$99 75

C. CANNON,
S. WINDLEY.
J. K. WITHERINGTON, } Com.

On motion, the report was received and committee discharged.

The list of preachers being called, the following names are retained, with others added, viz: See Appendix, Letter C.

On motion, agreed, That our Annual Meeting be known as the Annual State Meeting of the Disciples of Christ of North Carolina.

The time and place of holding the next State Meeting being taken up, it was decided by a majority that it should be held at Kinston, N. C., to commence on Thursday before the 2nd Lord's Day in October, 1872.

On motion of Dr. Walsh, it was agreed, That Bro. M. T. Moye be appointed a messenger to the Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ of Virginia, and he be allowed the sum of $30 to defray his expenses.

On motion, agreed, That Bro. J. Latham be requested to transcribe the Minutes, and have 2000 copies printed and distribute them among the churches; also, record in the Conference Book, and he be allowed $25 for his services.

On motion, it was ordered that the Treasurer pay over the balance of the Minute Fund—after paying Bro. Moye $30—to Bro. J. Latham, for the purpose above stated.

On motion, our sincere thanks are tendered to the citizens of this vicinity for the great hospitality shown by them in supporting this meeting.

Dr. Walsh preached this afternoon to a large congregation.—Subject, 1st Cor. 5 ch. 7 and 8 verses. "Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump as ye are unleavened, for Christ our passover is sacrificed for us," &c.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

Bro. J. T. Davis preached. Subject, 1st Epistle of John, 2nd chapter, 1 and 2 verses: "My little children, these things I write unto you, that ye sin not," &c.

2ND LORD'S DAY, OCTOBER, 1871.

An immense congregation assembled, which was addressed by Bro. Taylor. Subject, "The great Salvation," I and II chapters of Hebrews.

Elder G. Allen followed. Subject, 16 chap. of Matthew.

A few words of exhortation followed, then the hymn was sung, commencing,

"My Christian friends in bonds of love,"

after which, a few more words of exhortation by our venerable Bro. P. E. Hines, and the benediction was pronounced; after which refreshments were furnished, and then the hundreds parted, never more to meet on earth. May it be our lots to meet where parting will be no more—

"When in the holy, happy land,
We'll take no more the parting hand."

G. ALLEN, Moderator.
G. JOYNER, Ass't.

J. LATHAM, Secretary,
W. J. MOYE, Ass't.

1871

STATISTICAL TABLE. [Appendix A.]

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Dismissed.	Received.	Excluded.	Died.	Total Membership.	Evangelizing.	Local Expenses.	Minute Fund.
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	Noah Rouse, M. B. Creech, R. B. Taylor,	2			1	4	134	73 00		5 00
Kinston,	"	John Tull, David Jackson, (Letter gives no St.)						45	27 50	900 00	2 00
C. Chapel,	"	Not Represented,						16			
Bethel,	"	J. T. Davis, C. T. Barwick, W. Summerlin,						40			2 00
South West,	"	By Letter,						15			1 00
Hookerton,	Greene,	Irvin Jones, J. S. Rouse, B. Forrest,	3		11			87	256 10	150 00	5 00
Little Creek,	"	W. Butts, Jos. McGlahon,						16			75
Taylor's S. H.	"	Wm. Frazier, J. A. Frazier,	37		10			47		15 00	2 00
Antioch,	Pitt,	Allen Bynum, J. W. May, W. R. Williams,		5	2	3		73	22 50	40 00	3 00
Berea,	"	Theophilus Smith, B. Tyson, John Tyson,						13			1 00
Corinth,	"	W. G. Lang, W. J. Moye, W. Joyner,		2				45	74 30	61 80	3 00
Fellows' Chapel,	"	S. S. Rasberry, T. Bland, Chas. Smith,	34	12	3	1	2	31			4 00
Rountree's,	"	R. Worthington, F. P. Johnston, C. Cannon,	2	3	1			42			2 00
Chapman's S. H.	"	J. K. Worthington,						24			1 15
Oak Grove,	"	H. Taylor, A. A. Baker,		3		4	2	58	6 00	39 60	3 00
Mt. Pleasant,	"	W. Stancill, W. H. Stancill, J. L. Smith,			1	2	3	74		17 55	2 00
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	By Letter,	9		1	1	1	103			2 00
Six Runs,	"	" "	2				3	124			
Shady Grove,	"	No tRepresented,						97			
Pleasant Grove,	Wayne,	Represented by L. Summerlin,	10		2			51			2 35
Mill Creek,	Johnston,	Not Represented,						150			
Bentonsville,	"	By Letter,					1	24			1 00
Concord,	Beaufort,	S. Windley, J. H. Johnston, W. Muse,	20	1	2	3	1	166			4 00
Old Ford,	"	By Letter,	4		1	8	4	169		38 00	2 70
Tranter's Creek,	"	A. Ward,		2			1	70			1 00
Beaver Dam,	"	By Letter,	15	7	2		5	144		40 00	2 00

Head of Pungo,	Beaufort,	By Letter,	1				2	22			2 00
Pungo Chapel,	"	" "			2			32			1 00
Union Chapel,	"	Not Represented,	12		2			128			
White Hill,	"	By Letter,						30			
North Creek,	"	—— Ratliff, S. H. Tyson,						35			60
Trinity,	"	J. L. Winfield, H. H. Hill,						18			1 00
Union Chapel,	"	John Carrow, John Holmes, L. N. Downs,	17					17			
Welch Creek,	Martin,	By Letter,		4		1		41			1 00
C. Chapel,	"	Not Represented,						49			
Macedonia,	"	Not Represented,						46			
Poplar Run,	"	A. Davis, S. H. Davis,	2	1	2	1		37		11 25	1 00
Taylor's Chapel,	"	Not Represented,						28			
Brown's S. H.	Onslow,	Not Represented,						14			
Jenkins' Chapel,	"	Not Represented,						62			1 00
Kit Swamp,	Craven,	By Letter,						14			1 00
Broad Creek,	"	" "	3	2	4			40		18 00	1 25
Bay Creek,	"	" "						56			
Bethany,	"	B. F. Brinson, O. P. Banks, L. Pipkin,	37		40		2	90		88 00	3 00
Concord,	"	Not Represented,	20	1	1			25			
Goose Creek,	"	Not Represented,	20	1	1		1	60			2 50
Lane's Chapel,	"	O. Sutton, E. Andrews, E. Witherington,	9	2	2			35			1 50
Long Acre,	Wash'gt'n,	Not Represented,						39			
Free Chapel,	"	Represented by Bro. J. R. Winfield,	40		85			106			
Sound Side,	"	Not Represented,						65			
C. Hope,	"	Not Represented,						81			
Clark's S. H.	Hyde,	Not Represented,	6					25			
Neal's Chapel,	"	By Letter,	17					17			50
Shady Grove,	Jones,	G. P. Cox,				3	2	52		26 00	
Tuckahoe,	"	B. R. Heath, C. Mashbern,	1	3	3	3	1	81			
Bleasant Hill,	"	B. Brown, Chas. Brown, A. B. Kinsey,	12		2	12	4	139			2 60
Weir Creek,	Carteret,	Not Represented,						14			
Bethlehem,	Craven,	B. F. Stilley,	20		31			31			1 00
Alpha,	"	R. W. Smith, W. C. Brewer, S. A. Hill,	17					17			1 00
Albermarle,	Tyrrell,	Not Represented,						21			
			359	49	211	43	39	3475			79 75

(APPENDIX, LETTER B.)

Report from Central Co-operation.

To the Annual State Meeting of the Disciples of Christ, to commence at Antioch, Thursday, 5th Oct., 1871.

In pursuance of a resolution passed at the last Annual Meeting, the Churches situated between the Tar and Neuse rivers, comprising the 2nd Evangelical District, organized a Union Co-operation Meeting, at Hookerton, on Friday before the 3rd Lord's Day in November, 1870, and have since held meetings quarterly, as follows:

At Corinth in February, Wheat Swamp in May, and Fellows Chapel in August.

The following Evangelists have been employed during the year:

Elder	V. A. Wilson,	3 months,	$250 00	
"	G. Allen,	2 "	100 00	
"	J. Latham,	2 "	100 00	
"	A. C. Hart,	2 "	60 00	
"	J. L. Winfield,	1 "	27 50	
There has been contributed by the churches,				501 85
Amount from Conference,				40 00
				541 85

E. A. Moye, Sec.

(APPENDIX C.)

List of Preachers with their Post Offices.

1.	Peter E. Hines.	Wilson,	Wilson	County,	N. C.
2.	John T. Walsh,	Newbern,	Craven	“	“
3.	W. R. Fulcher,	“	“	“	“
4.	J. W. P. Holton,	“	“	“	“
5.	I. P. Holton,	“	“	“	“
6.	Alonzo Holton,	“	“	“	“
7.	C. Miller,	“	“	“	“
8.	Josephus Latham,	Greenville,	Pitt	“	“
9.	G. Joyner,	Marlboro,	“	“	“
10.	G. Allen,	“	“	“	“
11.	H. D. Cason,	Washington,	Beaufort,	“	“
12.	S. L. Davis,	Leachville,	“	“	“
13.	John R. Winfield,	Pantego,	“	“	“
14.	A. Latham,	“	“	“	“
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16.	J. J. Harper,	Bentonsville,	Johnston	“	“
17.	D. A. Williams.	Haw Branch,	Onslow	“	“
18.	Stanley Ayres,	Williamston,	Martin	“	“
19.	H. Robinson,	“	“	“	“
20.	T. Roebuck,	“	“	“	“
21.	J. Coltrain,	Jamesville,	“	“	“
22.	J. M. Gurganus,	Plymouth,	WASHINGTON “	“	“
23.	J. G. Gurganus,	“	“	“	“
24.	Henry Gurganus,	“	“	“	“
25.	Henry Cooper,	“	“	“	“
26	J. H. Foy,	Kinston,	Lenoir	“	“
27.	J. L. Ballard,	“	“	“	“
28.	J. B. Respess,	Washington,	Beaufort	“	“
29.	A. C. Hart,	Hookerton,	Greene,	“	“
30.	W. H. Cobb,	Joyner's Depot,	Wilson.	“	“
31.	M. T. Moye,	Wilson,	Wilson,	“	“
32.	Lemuel Summerlin,	Bentonsville,	Johnston,	“	“
33.	J. L. Winfield,	Washington,	Beaufort	“	“
34.	Irvin Jones,	Hookerton,	Greene	“	“
35.	J. T. Davis,	“	“	“	“
36.	E. L. Sowers,	Swift Creek,	Craven	“	“
73.	S. H. Moore,	Plymouth,	Washington,	“	“

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Minutes of the Annual Convention of the Disciples of Christ, N. C.

THE State Annual Convention met at Hookerton, Greene Co., on Thursday 9th of October, 1873. Elder Moses T. Moye having failed to attend, his alternate, Eld. J. Latham, preached an able and interesting introductory discourse from vi Ephesians and 2d Epistle of Peter.

After which, according to the rules adopted at the last State Meeting, the Moderator of last Convention, Elder Gideon Allen, acted as Moderator *protem*; and Elder Josephus Latham, Clerk, and Dr. F. W. Dixon Assistant, until the election of permanent officers.

After the enrolling of the names of the delegates present, the Moderator appointed the following

Committee on Elections:

Dr. F. W. Dixon, J. R. Robinson, Noah Rouse, W. J. Moye, and J. Edwin Peel; who, after retiring a few minutes, reported for Moderator, Dr. J. T. Walsh, Asst. Moderator, J. R. Robinson; Clerk, S. H. Rountree, Asst. Clerk, R. T. Hodges. Report of Committee received and adopted.

On motion of Elder Gideon Allen, S. H. Rountree was excused from serving as Clerk on account of a lame hand. And on motion of Elder J. Latham, J. R. Dixon was elected to fill the vacancy.

The permanent officers of the Convention having been elected the Moderator, Dr. J. T. Walsh, then appointed the following Committees:

1. On preaching, Dr. F. W. Dixon, S. H. Rountree, and R. A. L. Carr.

2. On Church Statistics, W. J. Moye, Josephus Latham, and S. H. Rountree.

3. On Finance, J. E. Peel, G. F. Flynn, and Wm. Frazier.

4. On publications, James R. Robinson, Noah Rouse, Josephus Latham, Jesse T. Davis, and J. J. Harper.

5. On Lord's day schools, James W. Hodges, Elder Gideon Allen, and Elder A. C. Hart.

6. On State Evangelizing, W. J. Moye, R. A. L. Carr, and L. D. Summerlin.

7. The former Committee of five examining Ministers continued, *viz:* Elders J. J. Harper, J. Latham, J. T. Walsh, J. H. Foy, M. T. Moye, and Gideon Allen.

The Committee on preaching then reported Eld. L. D. Summerlin to preach to-night, Eld. J. J. Harper to-morrow (Friday) at 11½ o'clock, A. M.

On motion of Elder Gideon Allen, the Convintion adjourned to meet to-morrow morning 9½ o'clock.

Benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING, Oct. 10th 1873.

The Convention met this morning according to adjournment, and was opened with prayer by Eld. M. T. Moye.

A motion of J. R. Robinson, seconded by Eld. G. Allen, to consolidate the Financial and Statistical Committee, was lost.

The Moderator then proceeded to call the Churches. They responded as follows: (See Statistical Table.)

The hour for preaching having arrived, the Moderator adjoured the Convention for ten minutes. after which Elder George Joyner opened the services with prayer, and Eld. J. J. Harper ably entertained the congregation from the text, "Search the Scriptures," &c. John v: 24.

After preaching, the Convention resumed business. The new churches, Salem, Wilson Co., Refuge, Bee Tree, and Ashville. Buncombe Co., and the church at Fayetteville applied to be enrolled in the Convention. And on motion of Elder J. Latham they were received, Ashville, Bee Tree, and Refuge being represented by Sister Thurston Crane, and Fayetteville by Elder E. K. Statzer and Bro. J. W. Rouse.

Report of Committee on Publications.

The Committee on publications reported as follows:

Bro. Moderator:—Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Publications, beg leave to recommend that the *Watch-Tower* be enlarged to thirty-two pages of reading matter independent of the advertisements and cover; and that it be published in its present form until our next Annual Meeting, at $1 per annum, in advance; but in case payment be delayed three months, $1.50.

We further recommend that Dr. J. T. Walsh be continued as Publisher; and in case of his death or resignation, Elder M. T. to take his place and continue the publication.

We further recommend, in consideration of our great need of a weekly paper, that a *Joint Stock Company* be formed at this meeting, to be known as the *Watch-Tower Publishing Company;* and that the brethren be earnestly requested to take sufficient stock to commence from our next Annual Meeting, the publication of a weekly paper.

Your Committee find on examining the receipts and disbursements of the *Watch-Tower*, which we herewith transmit, that the receipts from subscribers failed, by $1.13, to pay expenses; but the receipts from advertisements over-paid, and leaves a balance of $75.37 in the hands of the Publisher.

We also recommend, in consideration of the labor and expense to which Bro. Walsh has been subjected, in supervising the publication, that he be allowed to retain the amount in hand, as a partial remuneration for his services.

We also recommend that this Convention appoint an Editorial Corps, consisting of five of our most talented and experienced brethren, to conduct the *Watch-Tower* until the next Annual Meeting.

And we do further most earnestly recommend and request every Disciple in North Carolina, who loves the truth, and desires the prosperity of the principles we advocate, to subscribe for it, and to use their utmost influence to induce all others to do the same.

The *Watch-Tower*, properly conducted, will do the work of more than one evangelist, because it speaks to much larger audiences, being read, at the usual estimate, by, perhaps, not less than three thousand persons monthly; and often goes into families from which the evangelist is excluded. All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. J. HARPER, Chairman.
J. R. ROBINSON,
JOSEPHUS LATHAM,
NOAH ROUSE,
J. T. DAVIS.

Report adopted as a whole, and Committee discharged.

In accordance with the recommendation in the above Report, the Moderator appointed the following Committee to report an Editorial Corps: Dr. F. W. Dixon, W. G. Fordham, R. T. Hodges, S. H. Rountree, and E. A. Moye.

Report of Committee on Editorial Corps.

This Committee retired, and after a short time reported as follows:

Bro. Moderator:—Your Committee to select five persons to compose the Editorial Corps of the *Watch-Tower,* recommend that the following be elected:

Elders J. H. Foy, M. T. Moye, J. J. Harper, Geo. Joyner, and J. R. Robinson.

Respectfully submitted.

F. W. DIXON,
W. G. FORDHAM,
R. T. HODGES,
S. H. ROUNTREE,
E. A. MOYE,

Adopted.

Report of Finance Committee.

The Finance Committee reported, and, on motion, the report was received and adopted.

Bro. Moderator:—Your Committee on Finance report the amount of contributions for this year as follows:

For publishing Minutes:	$81.15.
Pledges and cash for State Evangelist:	$122.65.

Respectfully submitted.

J. EDWIN PEEL,
WM. FRAZIER,
GEO. F. FLYNN.

The Treasurer being absent, on motion the Minute fund was put into the hands of the Secretary, *protem.*

The Committee on preaching reported Bro. L. D. Summerlin to preach to-night, and Bro. J. H. Foy to-morrow (Saturday) at 11 o'clock in Christ's Church, and Elder Charles Cobe in the Methodist Church at the same hour; and Bro. J. L. Burns at night.

And on Lord's day, J. H. Foy in Christ's Church, Dr. Walsh in Methodist Church, and Bro. Joyner in the Baptist Church.

On motion of Elder Allen, the thanks of the Convention were tendered to the Methodists and Baptists for the use of their respective places of worship.

On motion of Dr. R. W. King, the Moderator appointed a Committee of seven to submit a place for the formation of the *Watch-Tower Publishing Company.*

Whereupon the Moderator appointed the following Committee; and, on motion, the Moderator was added to it: R. W. King, Jos. H. Foy, J. J. Harper, James R. Robinson, Josephus Latham, R. J. Taylor, and Jno. T. Walsh.

On motion of Eld. Foy, delegates were appointed to visit the Colored Convention, soon to be held near Kinston; and the Moderator announced the following as that delegation: Eld. J. H. Foy, Eld. A. C. Hart, and Bro. S. H. Rountree.

The list of preachers was called, and, on motion, the names of Constantine Miller and Jesse L. Ballard were dropped from the roll.

The congregation at Fellows' Chapel and Oak Grove having petitioned for the next Annual Convention, the vote was taken, and cast in favor of Oak Grove.

It was moved and carried that Elder J. J. Harper preach the introductory discourse at the next Annual Convention, and that Elder J. R. Winfield be his alternate. Dr. J. T. Walsh was appointed to preach the annual discourse, and Eld. J. H. Foy his altetnate.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow (Saturday) at 9½ o'clock, A. M. Prayer by Eld. J. H. Foy.

Benediction by Elder J. Latham.

SATURDAY, Oct. 11th 1873.

The Convention met this morning according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Geo. Joyner.

On motion, the report of the examining Committee was received and adopted as follows:—

Report of Examining Committee.

Bro. Moderator:—The Committee to whom was referred the question of an Examining Committee, respectfully submit the following Resolution as a substitute for the report adopted at our last Convention:—

Resolved, As the sentiment of this Convention, that while we acknowledge the prerogative of the local congregations to seek out and train men for the work of the Ministry, that, nevertheless, according to the teaching of the New Testament, no Christian congregation has any right to set-a-part or ordain any one to the work of the Gospel Ministry, *unless he has been first "proved" or examined by an Evangelist, or a competent Presbytery, touching his knowledge of the Gospel, and his moral character or Christian faithfulness;* and that when the name of any new preacher is sent up to be enrolled on the list of preachers, the congregation of which he is a member *shall certify to this fact* in a letter addressed to the Convention, and signed by all the officers of the Church, Elders and Deacons, and the Evangelist who examined and ordained him.

And furthermore, That when any one, claiming to be a Minister, and coming to the Church of Christ from any of the sects, shall propose to unite with us, he shall first unite with some one of our local congregations, and if he has not been previously ordained, or if his ordination is not satisfactory, he shall in like manner be examined and ordained, and in like manner come recommended to the Convention. For proof see the following Scriptures: 2d Tim. ii: 2. 1st Tim. iii: 2. Titus i: 9. 2d Tim. i: 13. 1st Tim. iii: 10. Titus i: 5, and ii: 7, 8.

JNO. T. WALSH,
JOS. H. FOY,
M. T. MOYE,
J. J. HARPER,
JOSEPHUS LATHAM,
GIDEON ALLEN.

Report of Committee on Publishing Company.

The Report of the Committee on the *Watch-Tower Publishing Company,* was received and adopted as follows:

Bro. Moderator:—Your Committee, appointed to draw up a plan for the organization of the *Watch-Tower Publishing Company,* respectfully submit the folllowing

CONSTITUTION.

ART. 1. This Association shall be known as the *Watch-Tower Publishing Company*, and its object shall be to publish the W-T Weekly, and to place it on a permanent financial basis.

ART. 2. There shall be a Board of Managers consisting of a President, two Vice Presidents, a Treasurer and Secretary to be elected annually by the stockholders.

ART. 3. A majority of the Stockholders present at any annual meeting, in person or by proxy, shall constitute a *quorum* for the transaction of business. Stockholders shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock held by them.

ART. 4. The Capital Stock shall not be less than $2,000, divided into shares of $25 each.

ART. 5. When ever it becomes necessary to call on the Stockholders for any part or portion of the stock subscribed, that call shall be made by the Publisher through the Board of Managers; and no money shall be collected or disbursed except on an order from said Board, signed by the President and Secretary.

ART. 6. No call for money shall be made on the Stockholders, unless the subscriptions to the *Watch-Tower* and the funds arising from advertising shall not be sufficient to defray the cost of publication and all contingent expenses.

ART. 7. Four-fifths of the Capital Stock shall be owned by the Disciples of Christ.

ART. 7. The following brethren shall be Trustees or Incorporaters, whose duty it shall be to procure as soon as possible, an Act of incorporation by the General Assembly of North Carolina, and to open books of subscription at once, *viz:* Dr. R. W. King, M. T. Moye, R. J. Taylor, Wilson, N. C. Dr. Jno. T. Walsh, New-Berne, N. C. Isaac Brown, Jones Co., N. C. Willis R. Williams Falkland, Pitt Co., N. C. Wiley Stancill, Tarboro. Josephus Latham, Greenville, Pitt Co., N. C. Gideon Allen, and George Joyner, Marlboro, Pitt Co., N. C. W. J. Moye, Farmville, Pitt Co., N. C. J. H. Foy, A J. Loftin, and John Tull, Kinston, N. C. J. J. Harper, Smithfield, Johnson Co., N. C. James R. Robinson, Williamston, Martin Co., N. C. R. H. Rountree, New-York, N. Y. B. F. Brinson, J. B. Martin, Pamlico Co., N. C. Jas. W. Hodges, Washington, Beaufort Co., N. C. Henry Winfield, Pantego, Beaufort Co., N. C. Noah Rouse, La-Grange, Lenoir Co., N. C. Dr. F. W. Dixon, Snow Hill, Green Co., N. C. E. K. Statzer,, Fayetteville, N. C. W. B. Smith and Mrs. Thurston Crane, Ashville, N. C.

ART. 9. It shall be the duty of the President of the Board of Trustees of *Watch-Tower Publishing Company*, to call a special meeting of said Board whenever in his judgment the necessities of the case may require it; and a majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. KING,
JOS. H. FOY,
J. J. HARPER,
JAMES R. ROBINSON,
JOSEPHUS LATHAM,
R. J. TAYLOR,

Adopted.

Committee on Lord's day Schools.

The Committee on Lord's day Schools reported as follows:

Bro. Moderator:—The Committee to whom the subject of Lord's day Schools, submit the following report: We have statistics from only seven churches. There is a Lord's day School at Salem, N. C., but no statistics given. Also one at Antioch, Pitt Co., with 62 pupils and six teachers. One at Concord, Beaufort Co., with 35 pupils, five teachers, and value of Library $30. Also one at Pleasant Grove, Sampson Co., with no statistics reported. A Lord's day School at Christian Prospect, Onslow Co., with 20 pupils and four teachers. One at Kinston with 40 pupils and six teachers. One at Wilson with 12 pupils and three teachers; value of Library $30, amount paid for books $22. Also one at Ashville with 75 pupils and five teachers, Mrs. Thurston Crane, superintendent.

We, the Committee, pray for the success of Lord's day Schools.

J. W. HODGES,
GIDEON ALLEN,
A. C. HART.

Adopted and Committee discharged.

Committee on High School.

On motion, it was resolved that a Committee be appointed and instructed to report a plan for the establishment of an High School, with an Orphan department, at our next Annual Meeting; and that Dr. R. W. King, R. J. Taylor, J. J. Harper, Geo. Joyner, Josephus Latham, J. H. Foy, and Dr. F. W. Dixon, be that Committee.

Adopted.

On motion, Dr. F. W. Dixon was appointed Treasurer of the Convention, *protem.*

Report of Committee on State Evangelizing.

The Committee on State Evangelizing reported as follows:

Bro. Moderator:—Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of State Evangelizing, have had the same under consideration, and find that the churches have sent up such a small contribution in money ($16) and pledges ($106.65), we cannot recommend sending out an Evangelist, unless we can raise a sufficient fund by private contributions to sustain one, as we do not wish to make a failure as we did at our last Annual Meeting.

W. J. MOYE,
R. A. L. CARR,
L. D. SUMMERLIN,

Adopted and Committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Churches.

Bro. Moderator:—

Your Committee on Churches present the following report: That the Statistical Table gives a detailed record of the Churches heard from by Delegates or letter, so far as the additions and a few other items were concerned; but we see with feelings of disappointment, that the Clerks of the Churches have again shown such carelessness in their returns, that we can have but a small idea of the amount spent for religious purposes, or how many Lord's day Schools, &c., and hence though some have been more liberal than usual yet the fact is not stated, and they appear as though they paid nothing; and other items suggested by the Committee's report last year have been passed unnoticed by the Clerks of some of the Churches; and we entreat them to fill a blank as follows:

CHURCHES	Counties.	DELEGATES NAMES.	House owned by Disciples or free.	Regular Meeting.	Lord's day Schools	Baptized.	Dismissed.	Received.	Excluded.	Died.	Membership.	Evangelizing.	Local Expenses.	Minute Fund.

Your Committee would also report that some new Churches have been constituted in addition to those reported in the Minutes, and that many persons have been added to the Church of Christ which are not reported in the Minutes for want of a direct account of them; and judging from all the news direct and indirect, we conclude that the cause of pure Christianity is moving grandly onward, and we believe our brethren are getting much more interested in this noblest of all causes than formerly; with joyful hope we look forward when the cause will take a and deep hold in our beloved State.

Respectfully submitted.

JOS. LATHAM,
S. H. ROUNTREE,
W. J. MOYE.

Moved and carried that Dr. Jno T. Walsh be allowed $10 of the minute fund, for transcribing and preparing the Minutes for publication.

Moved and carried that the remainder, ($71.15) of the Minute fund be paid to the Publisher of the *Watch-Tower* to publish and distribute the proceedings of this Convention.

Moved and adopted that the names of brethren Isaac Chestnut and E. K. Statzer, be entered upon the list of preachers.

Moved by Elder J. Latham, that the thanks of this Convention be returned to the officers for the able, efficient and faithful discharge of their duties. Submitted and adopted.

Moved and carried, that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the brethren and sisters, and citizens generally for their generous hospitality.

Moved and adopted, that Dr. R. W. King be President of the Board of Trustees of the *Watch-Tower Publishing Company.*

On motion, the Convention adjourned, after prayer by Elder Burns and benediction by Elder Davis, to meet to-morrow (Lord's day) at 7½ o'clock.

LORD'S DAY MORNING, Oct. 12th, 1873.

The Convention met according to adjournment. Prayer by Elder Statzer.

Moved and adopted, that the Committee on Churches report direct to the Publisher of the *Watch-Tower*, and that they include in their report a form of Church Letters with reference to their statistics, so as to secure a uniform statement of such matters in their reports to the Convention. (See said Report elsewhere.)

Moved and adopted, that Bro. M. T. Moye be elected Secretary of Board of Trustees of *Watch-Tower Publishing Company;* and that he procure a book, suitable for the purpose, in which it shall be his duty to enter the names of all Stockholders, and the amount of stock, or number of shares taken by each; and, also, that all persons procuring stock, shall forward the same to him, to be entered as above directed, to Wilson, N. C.

On motion of Elder J. T. Davis, the Convention adjourned to meet with Oak Grove Church, Pitt Co., Thursday before the 2d Lord's day in October, 1874.

JNO. T. WALSH, *Moderator.*
J. R. ROBINSON, Asst. Mod.

J. R. DIXON, Clerk.
R. T. HODGES, Asst.

REMARKS.

Thus has closed one of the most interesting and harmonious Annual Meetings, we have ever attended during a period of over twenty years. The good Spirit seemed to pervade all hearts, and kindly sympathy was every where manifest. Considerable business was transacted, and its symtematic arrangement and disposition facilitated progress. The attendance from first to last was good, and on Lord's day the congregation was very large, comprising, in the estimation of good judges, from three to four thousand persons. Elder J. H. Foy preached the Annual Sermon to a densely packed house, and Elder Geo. Joyner, in the Baptist Church, and Elder J. T. Walsh, in the Methodist Church, addressed good audiences. Some fifteen preachers were present, and all seemed to be happy. The Disciples separated reluctantly, hoping to meet again, if not in this world, in that bright abode where sin and sorrow, pain and death shall be no more.

Moderator.

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The Constitution of the *W-T. Pub. Co.*, is not perfect, and when the Board meets, we suggest they adopt the following article:

ART. 10. The above Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Trustees, if found to be necessary before the regular meeting of the Stockholders; but after the first called or regular meeting of the Stockholders, no additional amendment shall be made, except by a majority vote of said Stockholders present in person or by proxy.

The President should call a meeting of the Trustees, as soon as the Company is incorporated. J. T. W.

List of Preachers with their Post Office Address.

Names of Preachers.	*Post Offices.*		
1. PETER E. HINES,	Wilson,	Wilson co.,	N. C.
2. M. T. MOYE, co-Ed. W T.	Wilson,	"	"
3. R. J. TAYLOR,	"	"	"
4. W. H. COBB,	Joyner's Depot,	"	"
5. J. LATHAM,	Greenville,	Pitt	"
6. G. ALLEN,	Marlboro,	"	"
7. GEORGE JOYNER, co-Ed. W-T.	"	"	"
8. HENRY D. CASON,	Middleton,	Hyde	"
9. S. L. DAVIS,	Burgess' Mills,	"	"
10. JNO. R. WINFIELD,	Pantego,	Beaufort	"
11. A. LATHAM, JR.,	"	"	"
12. W. R. FULCHER,	New-Berne,	Craven	"
13. JNO. T. WALSH, Publisher W. T.,	"	"	"
14. J. W. P. HOLTON,	"	"	"
15. ISAAC P. HOLTON,	"	"	"
16. A. J. HOLTON,	"	"	"
17. CHARLES COBE,	"	"	"
18. D. H. MILLER,	Goldsboro,	Wayne	"
19. J. J. HARPER, co-Ed. W. T.	"	"	"
20. J. L. BURNS,	"	"	"
21. L. D. SUMMERLIN,	Newton Grove,	Sampson	"
22. J. H. FOY, co-Ed. W. T.	Kinston,	Lenoir	"
23. E. L. SOWERS,	"	"	"
24. ISAAC CHESNUT,	"	"	"
25. STANLY AYRES,	Williamston,	Martin	"
26. T. ROEBUCK,	"	"	"
27. J. J. COLTRAIN,	Jamesville,	"	"
28. J. M. GURGANUS,	Plymouth,	Washington	"
29. J. G. GURGANUS,	"	"	"
30. HENRY GURGANUS,	"	"	"
31. HARVEY COOPER,	"	"	"
32. S. H. MOORE,	"	"	"
33. A. C. HART,	Hookerton,	Greene	"
34. IRVIN JONES,	"	"	"
35. J. T. DAVIS,	"	"	"
36. CHARLES C. KING,	"	"	"
37. J. L. WINFIELD,	Lexington,		Ky.
38. HENRY O. CUTLER,	Washington,	Beaufort	N. C.
39. THOMAS W. WHITLEY,	"	"	"
40. D. A. WILLIAMS,	Haw Branch,	Onslow	"
41. E. K. STATZER,	Fayetteville,		"

NAMES OF CHURCH CLERKS WITH THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESS.

Clerks.	*Churches.*	*Post Office.*		
J. W. Smith,	Berea,	Greenville,	Pitt co.,	N. C.
E. A. Wilson,	Fellows Chapel	Johnson's Mills,	"	"
Asa A. Baker,	Oak Grove,	Williamston,	Martin	"
Geo. W. Barrett,	Antioch,	Farmville,	Pitt	"
E. A. Moye,	Corith,	Marlboro,	"	"
R. W. Smith,	Alpha.	Swift Creek,	Craven	"
Silas Fulcher,	Kitt Swamp,	New-Berne,	"	"
B. Holton,	Broad Creek,	"	"	"
Sam'l. Sutton,	Lane's Chapel,	Swift Creek,	"	"
S. R. Messeck,	Bay Creek,	Jackson,	Pamlico,	"
Robert Jarman,	Ch. Prospect,	Haw Branch,	Onslow	"
Wm. Frazier,	Taylor's Chapel,	Snow Hill,	Green	"
N. K. Thornton,	Mill Creek,	Newton Grove,	Sampson	"
Buckner Hill,	Pleasant Union,	"	"	"
Henry Lewis,	Six Runs,	"	"	"
Sam'l. Britt,	Pleasant Grove,	Dudly,	"	"
Samuel Reason,	Zion's Grove,	(Not reported.)		
Jas. Mizell,	Welche's Creek,	Jamesville,	Martin	"
W. T. Mizell,	Poplar Chapel,	"	"	"
H. H. Bowen,	Long Acre Chapel,		Washington	"
W. W. Galloway,	Union Chapel,	Washington,	Beaufort	"
A. B. Taylor,	Trinity,	Chocowinity,	"	"
R. T. Hodges,	Old Ford,	Washington,	"	"
Laban Wilkinson,	Pungo Chapel,		"	"
Sam'l. Windley,	Concord,	Pantego,	"	"
J. E. Peel,	Macedonia,	Williamston	Martin	"
Mc G. Britton,	Tranter's Creek,	Washington,	Beaufort	"
R. W. King,	Wilson,	Wilson,	Wilson,	"
W. W. Farmer,	Salem,	"	"	"
F. W. Dixon,	Hookerton,	Snow Hill,	Green	"
Henry Holton,	Goose Creek,	New-Berne,	Craven	"
R. B. Hardison,	Bethany,	"	"	"
G. M. Silverthorne,	Middleton,	Middleton,	Hyde,	"
J. E, Barnes,	Shady Grove,	Kinston,	Lenoir	"
Isaac Brown,	Pleasant Hill,	"	"	"
B. H. Huffman,	Tuckahoe,	Haw Branch,	Onslow	"
N. D. Myers,	Kinston,	Kinston,	Lenoir	"
L. A. Mewboorne	Wheat Swamp,	"	"	"
C. L. Rountree,	Bethel,	"	"	"

NOTE.—The above list of Clerks and Post Offices is far from being complete. I have done the best I could, but our statistics will never be any better until we adopt some printed form of Church Letters and statistical information. This is important, and by all means let us have one as soon as possible. It is an easy matter for the Clerks, when writing the letters to our Annual Convention, to give their Post Offices; and then the Publisher will know how, and to whom, to mail the Minutes. Will they, hereafter, please attend to this matter, and thereby save much trouble, as well as avoid many mistakes? Whatever is worth doing at all, is worth doing well. J. T. W.

First Report of Secretary of Trustees of Watch-Tower Publishing Company.

WILSON, N. C., Oct. 14th 1873.

Bro. Walsh:

For the encouragement of the Brotherhood of Disciples of Christ in N. C., we request that the subjoined list of subscribers and amount of Stock taken, be published in the next issue of the *Watch-Tower.*

Names.	*Shares.*	*Post Office.*		
R. T. Hodges,	1	Washington,	Beaufort co.,	N. C.
James W. Hodges,	1	"	"	"
E. T. Woolard,	1	"	"	"
G. F. Flynn,	1	Pantego,	"	"
Henry Winfield,	1	"	"	"
J. W. Huffman,	1	Kinston,	Lenoir	"
Isaac Brown,	1	"	"	"
J. H. Foy,	1	"	"	"
S. H. Rountree,	1	"	"	"
Wm. H. Rountree,	1	"	"	"
C. C. King,	1	"	"	"
Mrs. W. R. Tull,	1	"	"	"
Noah Rouse,	1	La-Grange,	"	"
M. T. Moye,	1	Wilson,	Wilson	"
Dr. R. W. King,	1	"	"	"
R. J. Taylor,	1	"	"	"
C. J. Rountree,	1	"	"	"
W. W. Farmer,	1	"	"	"
Gideon Allen,	1	Marlboro,	Pitt	"
E. A. Moye,	1	"	"	"
J. J. Anderson,	1	"	"	"
Wm. A. Brand,	1	"	"	"
Geo. Joyner,	1	"	"	"
R. A. Bynum,	2	Farmville,	"	"
W. J. Moye,	1	"	"	"
James Harris,	1	Pactolus,	"	"
Fernando Ward,	1	"	"	"
R. A. L. Carr,	2	Greenville,	"	"
Josephus Latham,	1	"	"	"

Names	*Shares.*	*Post Offices.*		
L. J. Smith,	1	“	“	“
Mrs. M. A. Anderson,	1	“	“	“
L. J. Murphy,	1	Johnson's Mills,	“	“
Calvin Stokes,	1	“	“	“
Miss Zelote Knox,	1	Tarboro,	Edgecombe	“
Mrs. W. Powell,	1	Hookerton,	Green	“
Mrs. R. Bond,	1	“	“	“
Barram Hart,	1	“	“	“
Mrs. S. R. Dixon,	1	“	“	“
Dr. F. W. Dixon,	2	Snow Hill,	“	“
Miss Clara A. Dixon,	1	“	“	“
J. R. Dixon,	1	“	“	“
J. C. C. Jenkins,	1	Ridge Spring,	“	“
Mrs. Thurston Crane,	1	Ashville,	Buncombe	“
L. D. Summerlin,	1	Newton Grove,	Sampson	“
J. J. Harper,	1	Smithfield,	Johnson,	“
Alfred Gaskins,	1	New-Berne,	Craven	“
Dr. Jno. T. Walsh,	1	“	“	“
W. F. Draughan,	1	Enfield,	Halifax	“
H. L. Lyon,	1	“	“	“
J. Edwin Peel,	1	Williamston,	Martin	“
J. L. Burns,	1	Goldsboro,	Wayne	“
Total	54			

Other shares were taken which were not reported. The Committee, and all others procuring Stock, will please report promptly, and at least monthly.

M. T. MOYE,
Secretary.

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We mail this number of the *Watch-Tower* to all of our old subscribers, except a few who have discontinued, and those who failed to pay for Vol. 1. These have been stricken from the list. We hope all who receive this number, will remit at once, and not embarrass the Publisher by delaying payment. Remit promptly and save the extra fifty cents, which will be charged after three months.

J. T. W.

1873

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	Counties.	DELEGATES.	Baptised.	Received.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Membership.	District Evangeli't.	Local Expenses.	Minute Fund.
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	S. E. Hodges, Noah Rouse, H. Hill,		20				150			$ 5.00
Kinston,	do	S. H. Rountree, John Tull, Joseph H. Foy,	3				1	47			2.00
Bethel,	do	W. H. Hartsfield, C. T. Barwick,	12	21				71			3.00
South West,	do	John Jackson,						15			1.00
Hookerton,	Greene,	Jas. Albritton, F. W. Dixon, Thos. Williams,	17	1			1	112	$137.05	$140.00	5.00
Little Creek,	do	Not Represented,						*13			
Eden,	do	William Frazier, Mark Taylor,		1		7		51			1.50
Antioch,	Pitt,	J. R. Dixon, W. A. Brand,	6		2		1	77	25 00	49,99	2.00
Berea,	do	B. W. Tyson,			1	1		14			1.00
Corinth,	do	R. A. L. Carr, W. J. Moye, E. A. Moye,				2		44	84.00	35.00	5.00
Fellow's Chapel,	do	Theo. Bland, Jesse P. Quinnerly,			1		3	215		64,90	3.00
Rountree's,	do	Not Represented,						*41			
Chapman's,	do	do						*58			
Oak Grove,	do	J. R. Robinson, W. A. Robinson,				2	1	55	8.50	11.00	3.00
Mount Pleasant,	do	Wiley Stancill, James Harris,	4	2		1		84			2.00
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	By Letter,	9	1				107		15.00	2.00
Six Run's Chapel,	do	Frederick Boyette,						67		25.00	2.00
Shady Grove,	do	Not Represented,						*97			
Pleasant Grove,	Wayne,	By Letter,	10					51			1.20
Mill Creek,	Johnston,	John J. Rose,	2	2	2	1	4	171			2.00
Concord,	Beaufort,	G. F. Flynn,	23	1	6	3	3	177			4.00
Old Ford,	do	J. W. Hodges, R. T. Hodges, James Hodges,	25	5	2	4	6	181	4,00	72.70	4.00
Tranter's Creek,	do	By Letter,			4	1	2	62			1.00
Beaver Dam,	do	Not Represented,						*144			
Head of Pungo,	do	do						*22			
Pungo Chapel,	do	By Letter,					1	30			1.00
Union Chapel,	do	do			1	1		23			1.50
Juniper Chapel,	do	Not Represented,						*21			
White Hill,	do	do						*42			
North Creek,	do	do						*35			
Trinity,	do	By Letter,						20			1.00
Union Chapel,	do	do			1		1	23			1.50

Macedonia,	do	J. E. Peel, Jno. M. Greene,					2	46			1.50
Poplar Chapel,	do	By Letter,	4	4				38	2.05	4.25	1.00
Zion's Grove,	do	do	1	2	2		1	23	8.00	12.00	.50
Taylor's Chapel,	do	Not Represented,						*24			
Ch. Prospect,	Onslow,	By Letter,	2			3	1	60	6.50	10.10	.60
Jenkin's Chapel,	do	Not Represented,						*14			
Kitt Swamp,	Craven,	Alfred Gaskins, B. H. Gaskins,	2	1				68	14.00		.70
Broad Creek,	do	By Letter,	3					45		16.00	.80
Lane's Chapel,	do	Edward Hart,	1		2	1		34			1.50
Alpha,	do	By Letter,			3		1	26			1.50
Bethany,	Pamlico,	do	10	10		2	3	90			3.00
Bay Creek,	do	do	5	3	2		3	61			1.45
Concord,	do	Not Represented,						*25			
Goose Creek,	do	By Letter,				2		73			1.00
Long Acre,	Washington,	do						46		26,00	1.00
Free Chapel,	do	Not Represented,						*111			
Saints Delight,	do	do						*47			
Christian Hope,	do	do						*81			
Zion's Chapel,	do	do						*26			
Long Ridge	do	do						*100			
Plymouth,	do	do						*14			
Clark's School House,	Hyde,	do						*25			
Neal's Chapel,	do	do						*63			
Swan Quarter,	do	do						*30			
Middleton,	do	By Letter,					1	93			1.15
Spring Field,	do	Not Represented,						*25			
Deep Spring,	Jones,	do	8	1				31			
Shady Grove,	do	By Letter,	4		7	3		53			1.00
Tuckahoe,	do	John W. Huffman,	2			5	2	64		26.95	1.35
Pleasant Hill,	do	Isaac Brown,	3		2	4	1	158			2.00
Weir Creek,	Carteret,	Not Represented,						*12			
Albemarle,	Tyrell,	do						*30			
Christ's Church,	Wilson,	M. T. Moye, R. W. King, R. J. Taylor,						21			3.00
Salem, (new)	do	W. W. Farmer,						8		8.00	2.00
Fayetteville,	Cumberland,	E. K. Statzer, J. W. Rouse,						53			
Refuge,	Buncombe,	Mrs. Thurston Crane,	2			1		30			
Bee Tree,	do	do						30			
Ashville,	do	do						12			1.00
Bethania,	Forsythe,	Does not delegate to Convention. Est'd. No.						75			
		* Number of members as reported last year.									
			158	73	10	45	10	1.275	$289.10	$516.89	$81.15

73 Churches

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THE JUDGMENT.

He that believeth on Him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.—Jno. 3: 18.

BRO. WALSH:

I do not consider it an unfortunate thing to be young; neither do I see any impropriety in a young man advancing his reasons for differing widely from wiser and older persons, provided he gives his reasons with becoming modesty. Investigation is one of the great sills that enters into the beautiful structure of knowledge; and, if a young man chooses to enter into investigation upon any subject, if he elicits truth, ought it not to be acceptable? The ideas that I may advance, so far as I am aware, are not advocated by the mass of our preaching brethren; and, they may not be tenable; yet, to me, it seems the only consistent position. Harmony must be observed in the Sacred writings; we cannot violate this cardinal principle, and maintain successfully, any theory, or doctrine. Here, I conceive to be the trouble, in advocating a future judgment of all people—saint, and sinner.

Can a man preach, that the Judge will, at the "great day," judge a man who is a christian, and, at the same time, judge a man who is a sinner, and not do violence to the Word of God? We think that he cannot.

Passing over, then, much that might be interesting to the reader, we will come directly to the subject. We are all ready to admit that it is something that interests us all; because, forsooth, we are all interested in it. From the Scripture that stands at the head of this article, we learn of two classes who are to be judged: First, those who *believe on Him*, and, Second, those who *do not*. All, I presume, will admit, that the first class will be judged. We will endeavor to maintain that a *future* judgment is for them only, *with the wicked who are alive at His coming*. The common and accepted meaning of the word, "condemned," is "to pronounce sentence; to pronounce wrong; to pass judgment." With these definitions in our minds let us proceeed—

There is a penalty of death—condemnation—resting over the sinner, Jesus desires to rescue him from his thralldom, on condition of his obeying certain stipulated terms. If he renders obedience, then by His promise he is pardoned—becomes free from his penalty. To illustrate: If a man has been tried, and convicted for murder in your State—has had sentence passed—judgment—and, during the time intervening between the passing of the sentence, and the execution of the convict, Gov. Caldwell should grant him pardon, while he is yet in his cell; we say the penalty has been removed; or he is again free in the eyes of the law.

Jesus, in order *to effectually* free him, requires him to obey certain commandments which will free him in the sight of God. This is the only difference.

"He who believeth *not* is *condemned already.*" Is it not the custom in our courts of justice to condemn a man after sentence of death has been passed? After God has passed sentence of death on him who will not believe on His Son, will He judge him? Certainly not. He that believeth nots *is* condemned, and he is awaiting execution. The sinner is continually being exhorted to come from under this penalty; he is a convict; manacled, and chained, awaiting the *wrath* of God which will be revealed.

I presume there is a query in the mind of the reader, right here, as to the use of a judgment, if this position be true. "I always thought that the judgment was for the sinner," sayeth one. Not by any means. Why should God, (Jesus is the judge), judge a sinner? What will he judge? You answer, "his good and bad deeds." But suppose his good deeds over-balance, what then? To illustrate. Here is a Mr. A., who is an honorable man. He is wealthy, and, liberal with it. His wife is a member of the "one body," he gives much for the support of the gospel, sympathizes with the Church, and withal is a moral man in all respects—a Cornelius—and just across the way, is Mr. B., who is a Christian indeed; but, he is very poor—cannot give a dollar to the cause, and so far as his moral life is concerned, is no better than Mr. A. Well, when the judgment comes, it is found Mr. A., has done more good in the world, than Mr. B., shall both be saved? No, you answer, certainly not; What! condemn a man who has done more good than evil? Why bring him into judgment, when it is positively known he cannot be saved? Is not the other conclusion the more rational, and Scriptural? He wanted but one thing; and, that was, being a subject of Jesus.

We conclude, then, that the future judgment is for the *professed* Christian. He has claimed to be a follower of Jesus, to have visited the widow, sick, imprisoned; fed the hungry; clothed the naked; comforted the saints, and while doing all his good deeds he also did some evil. Now, the judgment is for him. Is he entitled to heaven?

Jesus settles the question in the judgment. Again: Suppose Bro. Walsh should employ Bosworth, Chase & Hall, of Cincinnati, to print the *Watch-Tower*, and, instead of printing it, they should issue a thousand copies of Josh Billings' Almanacs. Could they come to Bro. Walsh and collect pay? Neither can a sinner get a reward for doing that which he never was commanded. Again: Suppose you were to employ a servant, and after having worked for your neighbor a month, without your permission, should demand pay; would you pay him? If a sinner works in Satan's

Kingdom seventy years, although his work was good, can he come to our Lord for a reward? Certainly not. He would answer, you did not work when I demanded and you are not entitled to remuneration. "Depart from me *I never knew* (acknowledged) *you.*" It is easily to be seen, that Jesus will judge the man who tried to work where He sent him; and because the sinner did not obey the call for laborers, he has no right to look for judgment. "*Judgment must begin at the House of God.*"

Our article has grown to sufficient length; and, we close by saying, in our next, we will try to demonstrate, or, rather prove, that this position is in harmony with the Bible.

Are there Scriptures that contradict us?

WILL. D. STARR.

NOTE.—We will hear bro. Starr through, and then we may have something to say in review. J. T. W.

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NOVELISTS ENEMIES TO MORALITY.

Every man of unblemished honor is morally bound to wage an unrelenting warfare against Novelists as a class. The reason is indicated in the above caption. True, there may be examples demonstrated of eminent men in the literary world, who as Novelists have by their deep insight into human nature and superior delineations of human character, rendered invaluable service to mankind; still, it is our profound conviction that this same class of men would have been useful to the same eminent degree, and more beneficial in permanent results, had they chosen some other department of literature. But, whether or not this be granted, we feel sure that every person having any claim to morality—not to say Christianity—will concede that there is contributing to the *New York Ledger, Weekly*, and other subordinate papers, a class of Novelists whose writings might be consigned to oblivion without affecting any change in the least detrimental to the true interests of humanity. The reasons for this intolerant spirit towards Novelists are as various and well-defined as the distinction between virtue and vice. The poet has wisely said—

"Vice is a monster of so frightful mien,
That to be hated, needs but to be seen."

Yet the bright colors with which it is sought to be embellished by some Novelists, often dazzle the young and render it difficult, if not impossible, for them to discriminate between the monster itself and the attractive plumage with which it is clothed. Thus the eye loses sight of the deformities of vice on account of the magnificent dress in which it is attired. This is seen more fully in the character of the chosen hero.

False-hearted heroes are arrayed in the splendid drapery of romance, and though their hearts are "deceitful above all things and desperately wicked," they are assigned all those captivating attributes, that exquisite refinement and amiability of character that stamp man with intellectual excellence and render him an object of the highest admiration. Even admitting that this is not a just estimate of the larger class of Novels, but that the chief characters are generally moral, yet, it is a sad fact that these same characters are always outstripped not only by the ingenuity with which their base opposites are represented as forming plans, but also by the dexterity with which these same plans are executed. On account of this, sympathy is enlisted with the skilfulness and daring belonging to the vicious characters. But whoever is obliterating the distinctions between virtue and vice, whether designedly or not is an enemy of morality. Hence, Novelists are enemies of morality. Conceding that the above is the lamentable state of society, should not some means be adopted by which these advocates would be compelled to discontinue their poisonous contributions and retreat with their *Ledgers and Weeklies* where morals can't be disturbed?

There is only one remedy that will accomplish this desired object. The mantle of gloom and reluctance entwined around the heart of our first parents, as they were driven from Eden; but, unexpectedly to them, God had prepared a remedy and their hopes were inspired with the solemn declaration, the "*Seed* of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head." The efficacy of that seed is unknown to the world. Never will the enemies of morality and religion be brought in subordination until we have a universal diffusion of Christianity in the country, which was the primary object of the *Seed.*

On some subsequent occasion we will give your readers a more elaborate and exhaustive remedy.

FELIX.

LEXINGTON, KY., Oct., 14th 1873.

WILLIAMSTON, MARTIN, CO., N. C.
Sept. 8th 1873.

Dear Bro. Walsh:

Our next Union Co-operative Meeting in the 1st District will be held with the Church at Oak Grove, Pitt Co., commencing Friday before 5th Lord's day in November, and continue over Lord's day; and in behalf of the Church I earnestly desire the preachers and brethren from other Districts to visit us then. I believe an exchange of preachers would do great good to the cause of languishing Zion in this District. Bro. Walsh, I wish to ask a few questions and desire you to comment upon them. First, should the Disciples of Christ, while they hold that according to God's revealed will, sectarians have almost entirely left the old land marks of Christ and the Apostles, and all ancient Christians, in teaching and example, and hewn out ways of their own, aid or help them in any way, manner, or form that tends to advance the doctrines they advocate? Second, should we open the doors of our Churches, to such as we most devoutly believe teach erroneous and dangerous doctrines inconsistent with the Bible?

Your Bro. in hope of Heaven,

J. R. ROBINSON.

Remarks.

To Bro. Robinson's questions, we will say, we should not act towards any errorist so as to make the impression that we sanction their errors. We should not aid or abet them in any way, manner or form, with the view of promulgating their errors; but this need not prevent us from hearing them, or allowing them to speak in our houses of worship, like the Jews did in their synagogues in olden times. Nearly all the sects held some truth, and, as a matter of common courtesy, we can let them use our churches, as they sometimes allow us to use theirs, without its being understood that we endorse any of their errors, leaving the way open to respond to them, or they to us, as the case may be. Truth has nothing to fear in an open contest with error. An interchange of pulpits, and a free and candid presentation of what the speakers believe the word of God to teach, would, we think, be productive of good, by giving error and truth an opportunity of measuring arms or crossing swords in a hand to hand encounter.

"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good," is an apostolic precept. The Apostles preached wherever they were permitted, and if we do this, we should reciprocate the favor.

J. T. W.

"APOSTOLIC DENOMINATIONS."

Not long since we had the pleasure of attending preaching at the Baptist Church in Kinston, where we were well entertained by Dr. Harrell. He preached from the fourth chapter of Ephesians, in which discourse he proved the unity of the faith, baptism and the body, which is the Church. We were well pleased with the larger portion of the Doctor's sermon, being strictly Christian. Yet, he introduced some new ideas, which we thought rather curious for a Baptist Advocate. He said the Apostles taught that there should be a unity of the faith, baptism, and the Church; but they no where said anything about the unity of the denominations; and he thought it far better for the people of God to be divided into different sects. For if they were all of one denomination, they would colleague with the Government and, in a short time, a general tax would be levied for the support of the clergy; and this country of freedom would be turned into a state of devastation, as was the case in all countries where only one kind of religion existed. Yet, he had due respect for the undertakings of that body of Christians who desired a union. The Doctor wants us to be united in heart but not in purpose. Can the body be united as long as denominations exist? Can our hearts be united as long as we strive with one another in daily combat? Or can we be united in body or heart as long as men go about trying to establish their own righteousness?

It occurs to us that the Doctor is very liberal with the Lords property, for he seems to think that every man should have his own plan of salvation laid down as he desires. We like to see men free and unfettered in the Word of God, not tied down by any abominable creeds and dogmas, but at the same time we like to see them remain in the bounds the Lord has allotted for them, and not suppose themselves to be wiser than God. For our part we think the Lord a better judge than we are; hence we are enabled to exclaim, "Lord let thy will be done and not our.s"

As for the denominations that existed in the times of the Apostles, if there were any. we are ignorant of the fact, and would be glad for the Doctor to name them for our benefit; and if he refers to the denominations that exist now, or rather that have come into existance since the times of the Apostles, then he should recollect that the Apostles did not refer to them in their letters to the different congregations of the Church of Christ; for they only spake to those in existence then; and their examples are correct guides and patterns for us. If any denominations had existed in the times of Paul, he would have been found speaking against them, and trying to reconcile them to the one body, the true Church of Christ. Did he not speak against envyings, strife, and divisions. and exhort them to be of one faith? Why, then, should the *so-called preachers* of Christ say that it is better for the partizan walls of division to be kept up? Does not the Apostle say, "receive ye one another without regard to differences of *opinion?*" Does not the whole of the New Testament call for a unity of the Church? Did not Christ pray for the union of all believers? Is the Doctor wiser than Christ?

Indeed, if he be a preacher of Christ, he should respect our prayers and strivings for a union, for we wish to live so as to please Christ and not ourselves. Who is man that he should confront the Lord and raise his puny arm in rebellion, saying I am wiser than you? "Shall the clay say to him that fashioned it, what makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?"

Thank the Lord, we are not so ignorant as to ask for the union of the denominations, for we know that so much diabolism exists in them, (and they having a desire to rule,) that they would do anything to crush out the few true followers of Christ, with that "absurd name" Christian; and establish a kingdom of their own righteousness for the sake of their glorious leader the "Prince of the power of the air."

All we ask for is, that they may cease to do evil and learn to do well. That they give their *all* to Christ. For "thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." That they brake down the walls of division and do away with prejudice and partyism, and all meet on the one foundation which is Christ.

In the Apostolic times there was one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and no denominations. In modern times, one Lord, terribly abused and misrepresented, many faiths, a multiplicity of baptisms, and a general desire for denominationalisms. "In the latter times many shall depart from the faith, even denying the Lord that bought them." The Church of Christ has no desire to unite with Government; we have one Leader even Christ; we have no desire to rule. And as for the Church of Christ ever levying a tax on the people of the worldly kingdom for the support of the clergy, they have no such desire, even if in their power. As yet we have never gone begging to the Devil that we might be enabled to preach Christ, much less forcing him to sustain the Lord's cause.

How can the body be united as long as so many denominations exist? Does not the division of the Christians cause the world to remain in wickedness? When the Lord comes will he find faith on the earth? We are sorry to hear one of Christ's pupils trying to teach him; saying, his prayer for a union ought not to be answered. We know of but one Lord even Christ, who came down from heaven and gave himself a ransom for our sins, that whosoever believed in him might not perish, but have everlasting life. One faith, based on God's testimony, and able to save our souls from condemnation; one baptism, which is a direct emblem of Christ's death and resurrection, being for the remission of our sins; not that the water has power to save us, but the obedience to the command, and the expression of our faith by our works. If the Doctor should be offended, let him remember that the truth is sharper than a two-edged sword. And that preachers are public property; a target at which all may shoot.

C. H. BROWN.

A FEW WORDS ON EVANGELIZING.

In taking a back look at the evangelical work in N. C., during the last half score of years, we have been deeply impressed with the conviction, that radical errors have been committed—errors rather of a disorganizing tendency, the result partly of the force of circumstances and partly from the erroneous views of the evangelists themselves.

A reformation in a few particulars, to which these servants of the Church will be directed, would, no doubt, be of practical benefit, if properly heeded.

Your attention is first directed to the eager spirit of proselytism, which has so universally prevailed to the neglect of needful instruction and "setting the Congregations in order." Heretofore, those reporting the greatest number of converts, have been considered the best evangelists and have been petted and feasted by the Brotherhood wherever they have gone, and, as a natural result, their talents and work have been principally employed to enlist recruits, whilst the drill, in a great measure, has been considered less important.

Recruiting, we admit, is very commendable, and, by no means, to be overlooked, but unless the recruits are instructed "in the way of righteousness," they are ineffective, and sometimes become an element to disorganize those who are striving to attain to an exalted state of perfection in the religion of our Lord Jesus, the Christ.

Very little has been gained to the cause by an evangelist, who having gathered a few untaught persons, here and there, into the fold, and then goes away, leaving them helpless and unprotected, an easy prey to the wolves without and within. "Establishing, putting in order and building up" those who have yielded obedience to Christ, in our humble judgment, is productive of more permanent benefit than putting so much "wood, hay and stubble" into the spiritual building which is being erected "on the foundation of the Apostles, Christ being the Chief Corner Stone." Numbers may and doubtless do possess a powerful influence, and are not unfrequently the boast of many denominations, but uninstructed in "the word of God" and the practical duties of Christianity, they "see through a glass darkly," and wield a less wholesome influence than a *very small number* thoroughly imbued with a desire faithfully "to observe all things taught by Christ" and the Apostles. The many are too often "leaders of the blind," exercising an influence to alienate others from "the simplicity of the Gospel," if not to "fall with them into the ditch," and "are teachers of fables and the doctrines of men." The few, Bible taught, are polished building stones, precious metals, the "gold, silver and precious stones" that shall survive the ordeal of fire, and are beautiful "epistles seen and read of all men," exerting a salutary influence in the Church and upon the world.

Brethren, if you desire your work to endure, bring all the sinners you can to Christ through the Gospel, "which is the power of God to salvation to every one that believes," place them in good working order, instruct them "how to behave in the Church," how "to keep themselves unspotted from the world," how "to work out their own salvation with fear and trembling," and having "put on the whole armor or God" that they "may be found blameless at the coming of the Lord Jesus."

In the second place, too much effort has been directed to work up excitement, to produce a sympathetic physical influence, psychological in its nature, in which the feelings are sought to be wrought upon by rehearsals of death-bed scenes, family bereavements and pathetic incidents, to the exclusion of the "Word of God," the truth which makes the believer free. These excitements, traced to the causes which have produced them, are independent of and outside of the Gospel, "are of the earth earthly," soon pass away and leave the subjects of their influence in uncertainty and perplexity; for when a reaction comes, and come it will, depression inevitably follows, accompanied by doubts, and "the power of the Gospel to save those who believe," is questioned—often rejected. Besides, having been deeply moved through the instrumentality of groans, tears, cries and entreaties, these converts say and do many ridiculous things, of which they are ashamed when the excitement passes away and the emotions of shame, pride and mortification naturally precipitate them into excesses of folly and sin. They are more flagrant and out-breaking sinners than before and steeling their hearts to resist all overtures of mercy, they often become skeptics or infidels, a result growing out of ignorance or misconception of the plan of salvation.

The joy of the Angels of Heaven "over one sinner that repenteth," is over him "that repents unto life" because he is a sinner, and not over those who repent because "their affectionate father, fond mother, their beloved husband, their faithful wife, their dutiful child or lovely infant is reposing in the silent grave." This is not the repentance of the Bible, "that needeth not to be repented of." "Preach Christ and Him crucified" to aliens and strive to convert them by the Gospel that they may "be born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever." 1 Pet. 1-23 and "their profiting will appear to all."

Thirdly, the scriptural way of evangelizing, after the manner of Christ, who sent out the seventy "two by two," is, without doubt, the best, for we cannot err in following His instruction or example and whatsoever he has done in any particular, Christians should have no hesitancy in adopting as being the most efficient to promote the desired end. We would, therefore, call the attention of the Co-operative Meetings, especially to this matter, when sending out evangelists, that their labors, which are so onerous, may be divided, and rendered more congenial and efficient. No man can preach consecutively, day after day for weeks and months, open his meetings with prayer, lead in singing and close with an exhortation, without injury. If possessed of a stalwart frame with vitativeness and intellectuality full, he may endure for a long time and to all appearances remain unharmed, but the invasion of disease quickly dispels the illusion and he unhappily finds himself a wreck, doomed to the sufferings which the violation of the laws of temperance and health, sooner or later, will inevitably produce. And to the evangelist, we would say, it is commendable to be zealous in a good cause, "to spend and to be spent" in the service of our Master, yet at the same time, we are commanded to be prudent, that our moderation may appear to all. The objective point in evangelizing should be to turn sinners to the Lord, convert them to Christ and not to isms, that they may become Christians, not partyists, and then your labor will indeed be acceptable to God, and you will be esteemed "very highly for your work's sake."

May the Lord so direct and influence us by his word and Spirit that self may be forgotten and partyism unknown in our efforts to restore "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints."

M. T. MOYE.

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Aug. 17th 1873.

Dear Bro. Walsh:

I have taken my pen to write you again, after a silence of some time. You recollect a communication of mine which you published in the April number of the *Watch-Tower*, respecting the condition of things over here in the first District, in which I said that drunkenness, and many other, in fact all other crimes, were being practiced all through this country. I am now pleased so say that things have changed greatly since that time, owing to two great causes. One was, the heavy tax laid on whisky dealers, stopped a great many of them from selling the poison. The other is we have had more preaching. But in regard to my first letter, the statement was not exaggerated, but a good Baptist preacher, one of my neighbors, *viz:* John L. Ross, who has maliciously disgraced the pulpit, has slept over that article until a week or two ago; and possibly had some pleasant dreams, thinking he had secured his long desired object, has taken offence at it, and has published that he had read in the *Watch-Tower*, a letter from me, in which I distinctly said that the people in the Oak Grove neighborhood were the meanest people in the world; and I have had some to come to me to know whether it was so or not. Now, Bro. Walsh, what do you think of such a preacher or so-called preacher, when I tell you that he has said, the more he read the less he knew; and he was going to quit reading and listen to what his Bro. Alfred and other preachers told him, you can undoubtedly form a more just opinion of his merits. Mr. Ross was one among the audience I had the pleasure to address at Oak Grove the 4th Lord's day in June, at which time I had an occasion to say some things against sectarianism; and the 4th Lord's day in July I had the pleasure of addressing the largest congregation at the same place that has convened there since Conference—he had his spies there again; and I addressed the people that day from 2nd Thessalonians ii: 10, 11, 12. During this discourse I dealt some heavy blows, upon some of the erroneous doctrines advocated by the Calvinistic Baptists through this country. At these two discourses Elder Ross has undoubtedly taken umbrage, and not having the manliness to meet me face to face, either publicly or privately, has sought revenge in going over the country and perpetrating this malicious statement. Bro. Walsh, if you should think proper to publish this article, I want Elder Ross to read the *Watch-Tower* again, and accept this as a challenge from me to discuss publicly, in this section of country some where, all the differences between us. In that event I shall certainly call for Bro. Walsh, and Bro. Foy. I think, and have long been impressed with the idea that such a debate of several days, held by our ablest preachers, would do great good. I hope we shall have one, but have no idea that Elder Ross or any other Baptist will debate these all important questions, before an intelligent public. For the present I will dismiss the 4th rate Elder and say that, Elds. Ayers and Roebuck held a meeting at Zion's Chapel, Washington county, since the Union Meeting and had 21 additions to the faithful; six of these were from the Methodists, the remainder from the world.

May God bless you in your great work. Your Brother in the bonds of love and hope of Heaven, JAMES R. ROBINSON.

NOTE.—No necessity for calling on Bro. Foy or myself, Bro. Robinson. You are more than a match for any man who acknowledges, *the more he reads the less he knows;* for, at this rate, if he read much more or much longer, he will know absolutely nothing; and as he seems not to be over-stocked at present, he had better stop reading at once, lest he become mentally bankrupt.

J. T. W.

SYSTEMATIC READING OF THE BIBLE.

The Bible holds the first place among the means of implanting and promoting divine life in the soul, and the Christian who fails to keep in some way the great truths of the Bible, steadily before his mind, will find the vigour of his graces departed. No other reading will serve as a substitute for reading the Bible, no other study or meditation will answer the purpose of the word of Christ, "dwelling in us richly in all wisdom." If we look for true Christianity to be revived, our expectation will be realized, only by the mind of the Church being brought into steadier contact with the living oracles. The habitual reading of the Bible, joined with prayerful meditations, becomes, then, a duty of the first importance. Other ways of bringing the contents of the Bible to bear upon the mind, have each their suitableness, and proportionate value; but none of them can supercede the habitual reading of the word, and hence it becomes an important question how we shall engage our minds, so as to secure the advantage of this steady draught from the fountains of divine truth, and not be robbed of it by the rush of worldly cares, and multiplied calls upon us for secular employment. To this end, we need to seize the advantages of *system* and *habit*, and for the sake of *system*, which shall hold the mind to the engagement, it is well to take up the purpose of reading the *Bible through once a year*. "If this purpose was universally adopted by our brethren it would insure to us an amount of Bible reading which we should not probably obtain without it, and this circumstance alone might be the means of giving new impulse, and a spirit of inquiry among our *rich Elders* in various Churches, who have not read a chapter in the Bible for years. By holding the mind upon the word of God, as we should, a new power would soon help us on our course,—we mean the power of *habit*." After we become for a course of years, accustomed to an amount of application of the mind to the Bible, it will not only become easy and pleasant to find time to devote to it, but it will have become in a measure necessary; we shall be uneasy and dissatisfied without it,. The great secret of sanctification, lies very much in a regulation of the power of habit. We do with ease, and rarely forget to do that which we have been accustomed to do, and in no particular is the force of habit better applied, than when applied to bind upon our minds the principles of the living word. It is very true, that one may read the Bible through in course with little spiritual profit. But if the Christian takes up the resolution to carry on this system of Bible reading with a view to spiritual growth, and with this end in view, follows it up from year to year, he can hardly fail to derive rich advantage from it. For many years I have made it a practice to read it through once a year. Truly yours, S. M. D.

UNION MEETING, 1st DISTRICT.

The Union Meeting of the Disciples of Christ assembled with the Church at Old Ford, on Friday Aug. 29th 1873.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered by Elder J. J. Coltrain.

Conference was organized by chosing Elder Stanly Ayres Moderator, C. W. Swain Asst., R. T. Hodges Clerk, J. G. Gurganus Asst.

The Moderator appointed on the order of business : J. J. Coltrain, Wm. Mc Davis, F. P. Hodges. To supply the stand : S. Reasons, J. Edwin Peel, J. W. Hodges.

The Committee on order of business reported the usual routine.

On motion, the report was received and Committee discharged.

Calling Churches being in order, was taken up, and twenty-six responded.

On motion, the Churches lately organised at Dismal School House and Holly Grove, Washington Co., be received and enrolled on the list of Churches.

On motion, adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock. Prayer by Elder J. G. Gurganus.

SATURDAY, Aug. 30th 1873.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by brother Wentz.

Evangelizing was taken up, and a committee of three appointed to wait on the Evangelizing Committee and receive their report which is as follows : Elder Ayres, our Evangeliist, reports since last Union he has traveled 14 days, preached 17 sermons, visited 10 families. Elders J. G. Gurganus and T. H. Roebuck joined me and preached three sermons each ; had 21 additions, received cash $14.

The Committee report no funds on hand at present, but a favorable prospect ahead, and we desire to continue the good work.

Brother J. R. Robinson, having resigned, Bro J. Edwin Peel was appointed Corresponding Secretary, also Treasurer of the Evangelizing Committee.

Lord's day Schools was taken up, and an address delivered by Elder J. G. Gurganus, urging the Churches to organize schools and telling the benefit that would be derived therefrom.

On motion, the next Union was appointed to be held with the Church at Oak Grove, Pitt county, to commence on Friday before the fifth Lord's day in November 1873.

On motion, Elder J. Latham was appointed to preach the Introductory, and Elder Ayres his alternate.

The Committee on preaching report Elder S. Ayres to preach on Saturday in the forenoon, J. G. Gurganus to follow ; J. Latham Lord's day morning, J. L. Davis to follow.

On motion, the following resolutions were adopted. *Resolved*, 1st, That the thanks of this meeting be tendered the brethren of this neighborhood for their kind hospitality during our stay with them.

Resolved, 2d, That the proceedings of this meeting be forwarded to the publisher of the *Watch-Tower* for publication.

Then Elder Ayres addressed the congregation, followed by Elder J. G. Gurganus.

On motion, Conference, adjourned.

LORD'S DAY MORNING.

Conference met, when the beloved Elder J. Latham addressed a large and attentive congregation ; then a large number of Disciples broke the loaf, after which Elder S. L. Davis preached.

Thus ended another of our pleasant Union Meetings.

S. AYRES, Moderator.
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UNION MEETING, CRAVEN DISTRICT.

The proceedings of the Union Meeting at Kitt Swamp, have been mislaid or lost, and hence do not appear. As well as our memory serves, $27 was sent up by Bethany, Trinity, Bethlehem, Kitt Swamp and perhaps, some other Church. The Committee reported about $19 in the hands of the Treasurer, making in all $46. Of this amount $5 was paid to Elder Jno. T. Walsh for evangelical services rendered, and the rest to the Evangelist, Elder Charles Cobe, who was continued till next Union Meeting, which assembles with the Church at Bethany, Pamlico co., on Friday before the 3d Lord's day in November 1873, when it is hoped all the Churches will be represented.

J. T. W.

An Omission.—In the published proceedings of the Convention, where, in case of my death or resignation, Bro. M. T. Moye is to be Publisher, the initials, *M. T.* are printed, but the *Moye* is left out. Please supply it in reading. Mistakes will occur with the best proof-readers, but I think this occurred in transcribing the proceedings. J. T. W.

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Rev. John Paris, D. D., and Protestant Methodism.
No. 7.

In this article we merely wish to sum up this *informal* controversy, and state a few facts bearing upon the whole question.

1. Mr. Paris made an unprovoked attack upon the Disciples, in 1872, in Tyrell County.

2. He renewed the attack in the Baltimore *Methodist Protestant* 15th Nov. 1873.

3. He backed up this second attack by a public discourse at the Temple M. H., in Edgecombe County, on the 30th of November, in our presence, and refused us the liberty of replying in the same house before the same audience, or even to occupy the Church grounds in making our reply; thus forcing us on the side of the public road to be heard.

4. He again renewed the attack at Whitaker's a short time after, not being satisfied with his former efforts.

5. As we had reviewed him sharply in the *Watch-Tower*, he again renews his attack in the *Central Protestant*, Greensboro, N. C.,—in which he grossly misrepresents and slanders the Disciples.

6. To all this tirade of abuse we have now replied, and more than replied, having flanked him completely, "carrying the war into Africa" or, rather, into his own camp, and showing up the "rottenness" (to use his word,) of his own system.

7. We have shut him up to the inevitable result that he attaches more importance to *water* than we do, for he believes and teaches that, "except a man be born of" *a few drops of water*, "and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

8. He has failed, utterly failed to prove the "latitudinous" character of the Greek.

9. He has failed most completely to prove pouring or sprinkling to be baptizm, though he has labored hard and lost both *wind* and *temper*.

10. In the estimation of his friends he has made an utter failure, and has been logically and critically driven from the field.

11. In the beginning he *assumed* great "christian integrity and scholarly attainments," requiring that his opponent should give proper "guarantees" of these before he would debate the questions at issue.

12. He has given no proof to the public of the possession, on his part, of any "scholarly attainments," to say nothing of "christian integrity," the very qualifications he required of us.

13. In his pride and presumption, he treated us uncourteously and disrespectfully from the first, assuming great superiority in all respects.

14. We now submit the question to the public as to who has given proof of "christian integrity and scholarly attainments"—and we are willing to abide the verdict.

15. Our course from first to last has been on the *defensive*, with the exception of our "flank movements," and even these show that men who "live in glass houses should not throw stones."

16. We hold no ill will towards Mr. Paris, or any member of his church, but we wish him, and all others, to understand they cannot *assume* superior "christian integrity and scholarly attainments," and, failing to sustain these claims, *remain unscathed* and *unexposed*.

17. For these, and other reasons, we would not engage in a *regular formal* debate with Mr. Paris, he not possessing the "scholarly attainments," gentlemanly courtesy, and christian temper necessary to such a discussion.

18. And now we leave him "in Africa," and in all probability, shall not notice him again except in self defence, or he should introduce some new issue, requiring our notice. We have not written for his sake, but for the sake of the people, and in the interests of truth, apart from which, after his uncourteous treatment of us, we would not have noticed him at all. We do not regard him as representing the spirit and temper of his people; and trust they may be made free in Christ Jesus, the true and only Head of the Church of the Living God.

We conclude with the following on Baptizm:

"The most specific sense they get
The term imports *somewhere* to *wet;*
If water enly be applied
That will suffice, can't be denied.

Each man may choose his manner now,
If each is pleased, *no matter how.*
No matter how? Then why is't where?
And why the crown or face prefer?

Why should the region of the nose
Be deemed more fit than of the toes?
Why should you not baptize the hands,
To execute divine commands?

The feet to run the christian road?
The shoulders to sustain the load?
The neck the christian yoke to bear,
And serve the Lord with holy fear?

Why not the sacred rite impart
About the region of the heart?
What, in the nature of the case,
Should make you always chose the face?

'Tis somewhat strange, we freely own,
That those *who preach immersion down,*
Should, after all the things they say,
Consent to tread this *frantic way,*
And from the pulpit straight repair
To *practice* what they *censured there.*

How can we, without wonder, mention,
Sush vast, such friendly condescension;
Rather than lose a wandering sheep,
Whom all their reasoning cannot keep,
To *please the man,* but *not his God,*
They will *immerse* him in the flood.

Now be *consistent,* condescender,
They own good name due service render,
Make not *thy reputation bleed,*
By *ridiculing* THY OWN DEED.

Remember, too—pray don't despise
What one sincerely would advise,—
Before thou dost the work begin,
'WHAT'ER IS NOT OF FAITH, IS SIN.'"

J. T. W.

The Conversion of Cornelius and his Household—No. 2.

Summing up in a few words, the circumstances, agences, both human and divine, and the instruction gleaned from the Sacred Record we have.

1. Cornelius, a Roman centurian, a devout, benevolent and prayerful man, desiring salvation.—Acts x, 1–2.

2. God, who wills to save him, sending an angel with a message of commendation and with directions where and to whom to apply for instruction.—4, 5, 6 vs.

3. Human messengers, sent by Cornelius to the Apostle Peter in accordance with God's direction as made known by the angel.—7, 8 vs.

4. Peter, the Apostle to whom the keys of the kingdom had been given by the Lord Jesus, himself, the instrument chosen by God to tell Cornelius and his household "what they ought to do" to be saved.—5 v and Acts 11–14 v.

5. A vision, to prepare Peter to preach salvation to the Gentiles through the Lord Jesus, the Christ—that "the middle wall of partition had been broken down," and that "God was no respecter of persons" but that every one, "of every nation, who feareth God and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him."—9 to 17 v.

6. The Spirit, instructing Peter to receive the messengers of Cornelius, to "go with them nothing doubting," for says he "I have sent them."—19 and 20 vs.

7. Cornelius, his kinsmen and near friends, assembled together "before God to hear all things" that God had commanded Peter to declare unto them.—33 v.

8. The preaching of the Apostle Peter, to Cornelius and those whom he had assembled together, declaring unto them the mission, death and resurrection of the Messiah, and that "Christ had commanded the Apostles to preach unto the people and to testify that He was ordained of God to be judge of the quich and dead and that through his name, whosoever believeth on him shall receive remission of sins"—34 to 44 vs.

9. Cornelius and all his house, hearing the gospel, believed and God made no difference between them and the Jesus, "purifying their hearts by faith."—45 v and 15 chapt. 8, 9.

10. The Holy Ghost, falling on all those who heard the word

as on the Apostles at the begining" or day of Pentecost.—Acts 11,–15.

11. The gift of tongues, for "they heard them speak with tongues and magnify God."—46 v.

12. Baptism, "and he (Peter) commanded them to be baptized in the name of the Lord."—48 v.

13. They, Cornelius, his kinsmen and near friends, were united to the one body (Christ,) adopted into the one family, sanctfied, saved.

We would remark that the command of the angel to Cornelius to "send men to Joppa and call for one Simon whose surname is Peter"; he shall tell thee what thou oughtest to do," ought for ever put to silence those false teachers who so dogmatically declare, that man has nothing to do in God's plan of salvation under the gospel of grace. It cannot be truthfully so asserted of the conversion of Cornelius, and if not in his case, the first gentile conversion, by what authority can it be claimed, that means have been excluded in all conversions since that time? Bible christians should fully understand the means and instrumentalities God made use of to convert Cornelius and his household, so that their plan may harmonize with God's plan and their teaching with the divine Record. In this there is safety, to go beyond is dangerous ground.

The reader will also observe, that God did not personally or by his Spirit directly appear to Cornelius. The only message which he received supernaturally was through the angel. By the angel's direction, he was to send for Peter, who would tell him what he ought to do" or "shall tell thee words whereby thou and all thy house shall be saved."—Acts 11–14.

Peter was prepared for the mission to the Gentiles by a vision in a trance and by the direction of the Spirit, who said unto him, "three men seek thee, arise, therefore, and get the down and go with them doubting nothing; for I have sent them." From the testimony of Luke, we learn that the Spirit spake to Peter, not to Cornelius, to the preacher and not to him whom God designed to save. That Cornelius, and all those who heard, were converted "by the word of the gospel" which Peter preached. (See Acts 15, 7, 8, 9.) and not by some supernatural influence outside of and independent of the gospel as many erroneously teach. The attestation of God's acceptance of these gentile converts by the misraculous outpouring of the Holy Ghost, fully confirmed Peter and the six brethren from Joppa that salvation by and through the Lord Jesus, the Christ, was universal in its application to all who would believe and obey, and that none were excluded except the unbelieving and disobedient. No fixed decree of election and reprobation, as preached by super-calvinists, is taught in the record which Luke gives of the conversion of Cornelius and his household.

OUR VISIT TO HYDE.

On Friday 25th Sept. we went on board the Steamer Raleigh, running between this city and, Norfolk, Va., for the purpose of visiting the church at Middleton, Hyde Co. About 9.40 the steamer left the wharf and glided down the noble old Neuse.—We had a very pleasant passage down the river and through Pamlico Sound to the point of our destination, but as the Pilot had left the Raleigh and the night was dark, a mistake was made when nearing Middleton, and the Raleigh stopped short of the mouth of Middle Creek, and discharged her passengers, (ourself among the number) in one of her boats. After rowing about a short time, trying to find the mouth of Middle Creek, it was discovered that we were some three or four miles from it; but the oarsmen pulled away manfully, and at 11.40 we reached Middleton safely, and set out for the residence of our excellent bro. G. M. Silverthorne. Of course he and family had long been folded in the arms of Morpheus, and must needs be awakened.—We hailed loud enough to break his sweet slumbers, and he soon came to the door, and enquired, "Who is there?" We responded, "Walsh," and the welcome word came back, "Come in." It was refreshing to be housed and beded after being out so long in the chill air in an open boat on the Sound, and retiring to rest we were soon lost in peaceful slumber.

On Saturday bro. Sam'l. L. Davis arrived. Bro. Davis is an excellent brother, and is doing much good in Hyde Co. We preached six times, and would have preached the seventh, but on Monday it began to storm, and by night it was well nigh a hurricane. The wind blew furiously, the rain came down peltingly and by night the tide was upon us, the streets impassible and the place of Meeting surrounded, and of course, there was no preaching that night. Indeed, it was a terrible night, for all though it the storm howled, the rain fell, the houses trembled, and the tide triumphed. But on Tuesday in the day, and again at night, we preached to attentive audiences. Tuesday night two noble souls came forward and confessed their faith in Christ, a Mr. Gibbs and the estimable wife of bro. Silverthorne, with whom we sojourned during our stay.

We visited our old friend and brother, Eld. H. D. Cason, and made the acquaintance of his good lady and daughters, besides making the acquaintance of many other brethren and sisters.—Wednesday morning, leaving bro. Davis to do the baptizing, we went aboard the Raliegh, returning from Norfolk, about 8 o'clock, and about 6.30 o'clock, P. M. we arrived at home, and found our dear family all well, and anxiously awaiting our return.

While in Hyde, bro. J. S. Henderson, after being duly examined, was ordained to the work of an evangelist, with fasting, prayer, and the imposition of hands, assisted by Elders Davis and Cason. We trust he may prove to be "a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

The Lord be praised for His watchful care over us all.

J. T. W.

ACCESSIONS.

Bro. S. L. Davis, Middleton, Hyde Co., reports 10; Bro. Harper, at Antioch, Pitt Co., 7; Bro. J. Latham, at Old Ford, Pitt 34; Bro. J. L. Winfield, in Carteret, 9; Bro. Harper at Bethel, Lenoir, 35, 19 baptized; Bro. Cutler 6, at North Creek, Beaufort. Co. Bro. Walsh, 2 at Bethany, Pamlico Co., 2 at Middleton, Hyde Co. Bro. Foy, 2 at Pleasant Hill, Jones Co., and 1 at Kinston. Bro. J. Latham 41 baptized at Old Ford, and 6 reclaimed Total 100 baptized. Bro. Joseph Wheeler, an old and valiant soldier of Christ, reports 20 as the result of his labors in Alabama the last month.

J. T. W.

☞ Charles Anthon, L. L. D., editor of various classical works, an Episcopalian Professor of Latin and Greek, in Columbia College, New York, says: "The primary meaning of *baptizo* is dip or immerse. Secondary, if it has any, refers to the same leading idea. *Sprinkling is entirely out of the question.*"

From the Free-Will Baptist Advocate.

BAPTIZM.

Agreeable to your request I attempt to answer the question of William Dukes: "Is Baptism essential to Salvation?"

I answer it is. That we have no promise in holy writ without it. The Saviour commanded it to be obeyed in the great commission; "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Mat. 28 chap. 19 verse· He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned. Mark 16 chap. 16 verse. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His Name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem." Luke 24 chap. 47 verse. Here we have in the different statements of the evangelists the plan of forgiving or remission of sins. Matthew says baptizing them etc., Mark adds what Matthew left out, He that believes and is baptized etc., Luke adds that which both the others left out, Repentance and remission of sins etc., Now as neither of the apostles stated the full commission of our blessed Lord and Saviour, but that all three did, we can come to no other correct conclusion but that it requires faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, repentance towards God and baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost for the remission of sins, and these are inseparably connected together. Faith alone will not save us, faith and repentence will not save us, but faith, repentance and baptizm will according to the language of the Saviour, if we observe all things that he has commanded, and in accordance with these commissions Peter, on the day of Pentecost, told those who made the inquiry what they should do, to, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." This also is in accordance with the Savior himself when he went to John the Baptist, and demanded baptism of him in Jordan. We are told that "Jesus, when He was baptized, went up straight way out of the water: and lo, the heavens were opened unto Him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon Him."—Ananias said unto Saul of Tarsus, "why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." These, with many other scriptures, show us that baptizm is for the remission of sins, that we may receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, and if it is for the remission of sins and the gift of the Spirit, it is essential to our salvation. There is no man, I suppose, that would pretend to say that a man could be saved without faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The same Lord that said believe, said be baptized, and how can any person suppose that the Lord intended the one to be obeyed and the other not to be obeyed. I know that if I believed that baptizm was not essential to salvation, I would never baptize another person, and I cannot understand for what purpose those who say it is not essential to salvation administer it, for whatsoever is not of faith is sin, and if they believe it is not necessary it must be sin in them to administer it.

We find that Peter said; 1 Peter 3 chap. 20, 21 verses;—"When once the long suffering of God waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was preparing, wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water. The like figure whereunto, even baptizm, doth also now save us, (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh but the answer of a good conscience towards God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ." Here Peter compares baptizm to Noah's ark. We all know that if Noah had not built the ark according to the plan and specification given him by the Lord, he could not have been saved from the flood, and had he built it according to the direction and never entered, the consequences would have been the same; he would have been destroyed with the rest of the old world. Now says Peter, the like figure etc., What figure? why Noah was saved by obeying the Lord. The Lord commands us to be baptized for the remission of sins, and if we obey, our sins are remitted, but it is not to put away the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience towards God, by the resurrection of Jesus Christ. As Jesus Christ was buried in baptizm and arose therefrom and was buried in the grave and rose again, so we, being buried in baptizm should rise to walk in newness of life. Noah, when the flood came, the winds blew, and the thunder roled, had a clear conscience, he knew he had obeyed the Lord, hence he could ride the storm safely and securely, knowing what God had promised him and that the word of the Lord would not fail. So the person who obeys the Lord in this great ordinance, christian Baptizm, and is walking in the way of the Lord keeping all his commandments, can like Noah rest secure on the promises of God that he that believes and is baptized shall be saved. I have in a very brief way answered brother Duke's question. I hope it will give him satisfaction. I would have been more lengthy on this important subject, but I am very unwell and so nervous that I can hardly hold my pen. R. K. HEARN.

The above article on the design of Baptizm, from the pen of Bro. Hearn of the Free-Will Baptist denomination, speaks for itself, and also speaks well for the head and heart of its author. It has the Jerusalem ring, and shows that Bro. Hearn and the Disciples are agreed on the design of Baptizm. We pray that the Lord's people may yet be one. Lord, hasten the good time.

J. T. W.

GOSPEL SUCCESS.

WASHINGTON, N. C. Sept. 10th, 1874.

EDITOR WATCH-TOWER:—

Dear Bro:

In company with Bro. T. W. Whitley, I commenced a meeting at North Creek, in Beaufort county, on the 2nd Lord's day in August and continued it till the 3rd Lord's day which resulted in 7 additions to the church—6 baptized and one received from Free-Will Baptist. One of the baptized was an excellent lady, a member of the Methodist Church. A very good feeling left. The meeting was largely attended, and I believe much good seed was sown to be reaped in due time. This is comparatively a new field, heretofore not visited by our preachers. I shall continue my visits there, and hope much good will be the result. May the good work go on, to the honor of our blessed Lord.

I am, Dear Bro., yours in hope of immortality,

HENRY O. CUTLER.

GENERAL CONVENTION.

The General Christian Missionary Convention will assemble in the Richmond street Christian Church, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 20 1874.

All delegates and members who will be in attendance are requested to forward their names and address to A. I. Hobbs, Chairman of committee of Entertainment, No. 167 Barr St., Cincinnati, Ohio, and they will have cards forwarded to them designating the place at which they will be entertained during the Convention.

C. WILES, Secretary.
Com. Ent'mt.

OLD FORD, Sept. 21st, 1874.

DOCTOR J. T. WALSH:

Dear Sir and Brother:—Our beloved Pastor, Elder J. Latham, closed a meeting at Old Ford to-day. He commenced preaching on Saturday before the second Lord's day, and has preached every night since, and about half the days, which resulted in the baptizm of forty-one and six reclaimed.

It was one of the most quiet and pleasant protracted meetings I have ever attended.

Yours fraternally,

R. T. HODGES, Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS

Of the Annual Convention Disciples of Christ, N. C.

The Annual Convention of the Disciples of Christ, N. C., assembled at Oak Grove, Pitt Co., on the 8th of October 1874, and about 12 M. the services were opened by singing and prayer conducted by Elder Joseph G. Gurganus, of Plymouth, N. C., after which the introductory was preached by Elder J. J. Harper, of Smithfield, Johnston Co., from 1 Cor. xv: 58.

The Moderator of the last Convention then took the chair, and called for the number of delegates present, which amounted to 52.

The Moderator then appointed the following Committee on organization: S. H. Rountree, James W. Hodges, Noah Rouse, Joseph B. Taylor, and John Robinson.

This Committee reported Dr. John T. Walsh, for Moderator, Elder John M. Gurganus, Asst. Moderator, Elder J. J. Harper, Clerk, and R. T. Hodges, Asst. Clerk.

The Moderator appointed the following Committees:—

1. *On Preaching:*—Albert Robinson, Allen Baker, M. G. Holliday.

2. *On Church Statistics and Finance:*—S. H. Rountree, Noah Rouse, Wm. J. Moye.

3. *On Publications:*—W. W. Galloway, R. T. Hodges, Wm. J. Moye.

4. *On Lord's day Schools:*—G. F. Flynn, Abram J. Moye, W. R. Ellis.

5. *On General Evangelizing:*—M. T. Moye, J. L. Winfield, Joseph G. Gurganus.

The Committee on preaching reported as follows: Elder J. M. Gurganus to preach to-morrow (Friday) at 11 o'clock, and Elder Charles Cobe at 2 o'clock, P. M. List of churches called.

Convention adjourned. Benediction by Elder J. M. Gurganus.

FRIDAY, Oct. 9th 1874.

Friday morning, Oct. 9th, the Convention met at 9 o'clock, A. M., and was opened with praise and prayer by Elder Curtis W. Howard.

Proceeded to call the list of churches again, after which, while waiting for Committees to report, the list of preachers was called.

Adjourned to hear preaching. After preaching by Elder Henry S. Gurganus, who occupied the stand in consequence of the indisposition of Elder Jno. M. Gurganus, the Convention re-assembled for business. New churches were called for and the following responded: Lee, Bethlehem, Holly Grove, Christian's Delight, and Draughan's S. H., which, on motion, were received and enrolled.

The Committee on preaching reported again as follows: On to-morrow (Saturday) at 10 A. M., Elder James L. Winfield, at 12, M. Elder J. L. Burns, at 2, P. M., Dr. H. D. Harper, and on Lord's day at 11 A. M., Dr. Jno. T. Walsh.

Moved and adopted, That the members of the *Watch-Tower Publishing Company* present with the other members of the Convention, go into a joint meeting to consider the interests of the paper.

Resolved, That this Convention endorse the action of all previous meetings of the Board of Trustees and also of the Stockholders of said *W.-T. P. Co.*

Moved and adopted, That article 9 of the *W.-T. Pub. Co.*, be so amended as to read: Art. 9. It shall be the duty of the President of the Board of Trustees of *Watch-Tower Publishing Co.*, to call a special meeting of said Board whenever in his judgment the necessities of the case may require it, and three members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Moved and adopted, That this Convention adjourn to meet to-morrow at 9. o'clock, A. M. Prayer by A. Latham, Jr.

SATURDAY, Oct. 10th 1874.

Convention met, according to adjournment, at 9 o'clock, and was opened with prayer and praise by Bro. A. C. Wentz.

The Committee on Lord's day Schools presented their Report, which was received, adopted, and the Committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Lord's day Schools.

Bro. Moderator:—The Committee to whom was referred the subject of Lord's day Schools, ask to submit the following report: We have statistics from the following schools:—Mill Creek, Johnston co., J. V. Harper and J. J. Rose, Superintendents, 75 students, 803 verses committed to memory, value of library $20. Antioch, Pitt county, E. P. Edwards, Superintendent, no statistics. Broad Creek, Craven co. no statistics. Juniper Chapel, Beaufort co. 30 pupils, 5 teachers. Bethel Lenoir co. S. W. Sumrell, Supt., no statistics. Tranter's Creek, no statistics. Alpha, Craven Co., 25 pupils, 66 vols., W. A. Euwell, Supt.—Hookerton, Greene co., value of library $20,00, no statistics.—Union Chapel, no statistics. Old Ford, Beaufort co., 50 pupils, E. T. Woolard, Supt. Mt. Pleasant, Pitt co., no statistics.—Draughan's School House, Edgecombe co., 16 pupils, J. W. Draughan, Supt. Lee, Madison co., no statistics.

Respectfully submitted.

A. J. MOYE, Chairman.

The Committee on church statistics and Finance submitted their Report, which was received, adopted, and the Committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Statistics and Finance.

Bro Moderator: Your Committee on Church Statistics and Finance beg leave to present the following report: That the addition of the different items in the statistical table as reported by the churches, is as follows:*

Baptized 297. Received 150. Dismissed 37. Excluded 49.—Died 36. Membership reported to this Convention, 3,485. Evangelizing $356,65. Local expenses, $750,03. Minute Fund $94,55.

We also find 68 churches enrolled, two of which, we learn, have ceased to exist; which leaves 66; of these we find 35 are represented by delegation, 10 by letter, and 21 not represented at all. Your Committee also report 5 new churches received, three by delegation and two by letter. The statistics are included in the above report. For details see tabular statement. All of which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. ROUNTREE,
NOAH ROUSE,
WM. J. MOYE.

The report of the Committee on Publications, as presented, was, on motion, referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

Moved and adopted, That each member of this Convention be restricted to one speech of five minutes only, except by permission of the Moderator.

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* Some statistics not included here, are added in the tabular statement, as the letters were not received when this Committee reported.

J. T. W.

The Moderator then proceeded to call the list of preachers.

Moved and adopted, That the name of S. H. Moore be stricken from the list of preachers for drunkenness.

On motion, The name of Harvey Cooper was discontinued, he having united with the Free-Will Baptists.

Moved, and, after some debate, adopted, That the rules with reference to brethren Henry Winfield and M. F. Jarvis, be suspended, the Pastor having refused, and the Elders and Deacons of the church having neglected to sign the letter recommending them to the Convention, although endorsing their christian integrity and ability to preach.

Moved and adopted, That the motion with reference to Bro. A. C. Wentz be revoked, he having produced his credentials, and that he be received.

For names of new preachers received, see list of preachers.

The Committee on Publications, to whom was referred back a former report, presented a new one, which was received, amended, and adopted.

Report of Committee on Publications.

Bro. Moderator:—Your Committee on Publications beg leave to recommend, That the *Watch-Tower* be published in its present form semi-monthly, with 32 pages of reading matter, exclusive of the advertisements and cover, at $2 per annum, cash in advance. We further recommend that the Editor have control of the publication. We further recommend that the Convention appoint one Editor. We do further most earnestly recommend the *Watch-Tower* to the patronage of every Disciple in N. C., and to use their influence to induce others to subscribe.

We are informed by the present Publisher, there is a deficit of about $40 due on the August number; and we recommend the Convention make provision for the payment of the deficit,* and also the present number; and to sustain the publication and compensate the Editor for his services.

W. W. GALLOWAY,
W. J. MOYE,
R. T. HODGES,
R. W. KING.

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* No action on this recommendation was taken by the Convention.
J. T. W.

Moved and adopted, That the time and place of the next Annual Meeting be taken up. There were three applications, *viz:* Kinston, Corinth, and Fellows' Chapel. A majority voted for Corinth, Pitt co., to begin Thursday before the 2d Lord's day in October, 1875.

The Moderator adjourned the meeting for refreshment. After a recess of half-hour the Convention re-assembled.

On motion, Elder Joseph G. Gurganus was appointed to preach the introductory, and that Dr. H. D. Harper be his alternate.

The Moderator appointed to select an Editor, the following Committee: S. H. Rountree, R. W. King, and R. T. Hodges.

Report of Editorial Committee.

Bro. Moderator:—Your Committee to select an Editor and Publisher of Vol. 3d of *Watch-Tower,* recommend Elder M. T. Moye, and, in case of his resignation or death, Dr. Jno. T. Walsh; and that the next volume begin January 1st, 1875. And we would further report, in the absence of any other plan, that the salary of the Editor and Publisher be fixed at $400.00 and that said salary be made up in pledges and paid quarterly, if the funds arising from the publication, including the advertising patronage, should not be enough.

S. H. ROUNTREE,
R. W. KING,
R. T. HODGES.

Moved and carried, That Elder J. H. Foy be appointed to preach the next Annual sermon, and that Elder J. L. Winfield be his alternate.

Moved and carried, That Dr. Walsh transcribe and have the proceedings of this Convention published, and that he be allowed $15,00 for his services; and that the minute fund be paid over to him to defray said expenses.

Moved and adopted, That the report of Committee on High Schools, appointed at last Convention, be received and adopted.

Report on High School.

Bro. Moderator:—Your Committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting on High School with an Orphan Department, beg leave to submit the following report of the plan that seems the most feasible to inaugurate and establish a High school on a permanent basis, under the control of the Disciples of North Carolina:

1st. We recommend the formation of a joint stock company.

2d. The capital stock not to be less than $10,000 divided in shares of $25 each.

3rd. The stock to be taken by individuals or churches.

4th. That the company receive donations to the Capital Stock for special purposes and privileges.

5th. That any individual or church who will donate $200 or more to said Institution, shall have the privilege to keep one pupil in the school free of tuition for every $200 donated.

6th. That any individual or church of Disciples may send one or more orphans of a deceased brother, who is not able to pay, free of charge for tuition (provided that the income will justify it); and in all such cases preference shall be given to those most deserving, to be determined by Board of Trustees hereafter provided.

7th That there be a Board of Education appointed by the Moderator, consisting of five brethren, whose duty it shall be to take the project into consideration, perfect the plan, &c., with instruction to lay, or cause to be laid, before every congregation in the connection, the importance of establishing such an Institution. And to use all necessary energy and all available means to make the project a success; and they shall solicit each congregation and individual to donate as liberal as possible, and such donations to be kept in their hands for the benefit of said institution, and to be used at the proper time to establish the same, by the proper authority. And that they will make such arrangements as seems best to them to carry out the object. And that they report at the next Annual Meeting all of their transactions, and that they will endeavor to have the minimum amount of Capital Stock taken by the next Annual Meeting.

8th. That when $10,000 have been subscribed, the chairman of the Board of Education shall have power to call a general meeting of the Stockholders, who, when assembled, shall elect its officers and transact all business that to them seems best, to commence the work, locate the institution, &c.

9th. That a majority of stock represented either in person or proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

10th. That the Board of Education endeavor to raise a fund to be an *Educational fund,* which fund shall be at the disposal of Conference.

Your Committee fully realize the importance and pressing need of an institution of learning, peculiarly our own. But owing to

(Connection 8 pages ahead)

The Watch-Tower, Volume III.

The late Convention appointed Bro. M. T. Moye, of Wilson, to edit and publish the next volume of this paper. I presume it will be published at Wilson, Wilson County, N. C., and issued Semi-Monthly, at $2 in advance. The first number will appear, I suppose, the 1st of January 1875. It was left optional with him to print it in pamphlet, or newspaper form, containing the same amount of reading matter.

If the brethren wish it to be sustained, they must rally to its support, and do better by it than they have hitherto done. The law requires the postage to be prepaid by the publisher, and hence it is a matter of necessity to require all subscriptions in advance. Now is the time to send up your subscriptions, if you expect the paper; and, if you do not receive it, you will know the reason. ☞ All subscriptions and communications for volume 3d, should be addressed to ELD. MOSES T. MOYE, WILSON, *Wilson County, N. C.* J. T. W.

EXCHANGES.

All Exchanges for *Watch-Tower*, should be addressed to ELD. MOSES T. MOYE, Wilson, N. C. J. T. W.

Illustrated Temperance Lecture.

If the Lord permit, we expect to deliver an illustrated temperance lecture at Hookerton, on Friday night of the Union Meeting, which convenes there on the 5th Lord's day in November. We hope to have a full house. Our illustrations are physiological, pathological, striking, and appalling. Go and see them. They lecture of themselves. J. T. W.

Lectures.

We will lecture for any church, or for the citizens in any convenient locality, on any subject they may designate, for reasonable compensation and expenses paid to and from the place.

Preaching.

We are willing to serve any church or churches, temporarily or permanently as Evangelist, and, when such services are desired, they can address us at this place. J. T. W.

STATE EVANGELIST.

Dr. H. D. Harper is in the field as General Evangelist, and we hope the churches and preachers generally will co-operate with him wherever he may go. Let all the churches do something to sustain him in the field, and we doubt not much good will result from his labors. We trust, also, that each of the Evangelizing Districts will put an Evangelist in the field, and sustain him, and let the work move grandly on. There are single churches fully able to sustain an Evangelist, and we hope to see the time when this *ability* will be turned into *practice;* and our whole country ring with the echo of the glorious Gospel of the Son of God.—Brethren, let us awake and arouse ourselves to greater effort in the Master's cause. Let us divorce ourselves from the world, ignore all its sham societies and morality, put on the whole armor of God, and do battle in the Lord's cause, and great will be the result and glorious the reward. J. T. W.

BRIEF NOTES.

☞ Bro. J. H. Foy sent in his resignation to the *Watch-Tower Publishing Company.*, as Editor of *Weekly*, which was accepted. J. T. W.

☞ Many of the subscribers to the 2nd Volume of *Watch-Tower* still owe their subscriptions. Will they please remit to us at once? If so, $1 each from them will be accepted.

J. T. W.

☞ Let all the brethren rally to the support of the *Watch-Tower*, and see that it is sustained. Address M. T. Moye, Wilson, N. C. J. T. W.

☞ The Convention made a mistake in directing the publication of a semi-monthly, with 32 pp. reading matter in each number making a volume when completed of 768 pages for $2! A Blank Book, without any printing on it, would cost nearly that. This will be a serious obstacle to its success. Still, money enough will carry it through. J. T. W.

☞ We are now out of the *Watch-Tower*, but shall probably write for it occasionally, *if desired* to do so. J. T. W.

☞ *Souls* are not to be weighed in the same scales with *money*. Money is light, but souls are heavy. J. T. W.

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List of Preachers with their Post Office Address.

Names of Preachers.	*Post Offices.*		
1. PETER E. HINES,	Wilson,	Wilson county,	N. C.
2. M. T. MOYE,	"	"	"
3. R. J. TAYLOR,	"	"	"
4. JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Greenville,	Pitt county,	"
5. GIDEON ALLEN,	Marlboro,	"	"
6. GEO. JOYNER,	"	"	"
7. HENRY D. CASON,	Middleton,	Hyde county,	"
8. J. S. HENDERSON,	"	"	"
9. S. L. DAVIS,	Burgess' Mills,	"	"
10. JOHN R. WINFIELD,	Pantego,	Beaufort county,	"
11. A. LATHAM, JR.,	"	"	"
12. HENRY WINFIELD,	"	"	"
13. MILTON F. JARVIS,	"	"	"
14. JNO. T. WALSH,	New-Berne,	Craven county,	"
15. W. R. FULCHER,	"	"	"
16. J. W. P. HOLTON,	"	"	"
17. ISAAC P. HOLTON,	"	"	"
18. A. J. HOLTON,	"	"	"
19. THOS. H. BOWEN,	"	"	"
20. J. L. WINFIELD,	Swift Creek,	"	"
21. D. H. MILLER,	Goldsboro,	Wayne county,	"
22. J. J. HARPER,	Smithfield,	Johnston county,	"
23. L. D. SUMMERLIN,	Newton Grove,	Sampson county,	"
24. H. D. HARPER,	"	"	"
25. J. L. BURNS,	Whitaker's,	Edgecombe county,	"
26. W. H. COBB,	"	"	"
27. J. H. FOY,	Kinston,	Lenoir county,	"
28. C. W. HOWARD,	"	"	"
29. ISAAC CHESNUT,	"	"	"
30. E. L. SOWERS,	"	"	"
31. STANLY AYRES,	Williamston.	Martin county,	"
32. T. ROEBUCK,	"	"	"
33. J. J. COLTRAIN,	Jamesville,	"	"
34. J. W. HARDISON,	"	"	"
35. J. M. GURGANUS,	Plymouth,	Washington county,	"
36. JOSEPH G. GURGANUS,	"	"	"
37. HENRY S. GURGANUS,	"	"	"
38. WM. M. DAVIS,	"	"	"
39. JNO. W. GURGANUS,	Long Ridge,	"	"
40. A. C. WENTZ,	Lee's Mills,	"	"
41. A. C. HART,	Hookerton,	Greene county,	"
42. IRVIN JONES,	"	"	"
43. J. T. DAVIS,	"	"	"
44. CHARLES C. KING,	"	"	"
45. HENRY O. CUTLER,	Washington,	Beaufort county,	"
46. THOMAS W. WHITLEY,	"	"	"
47. D A. WILLIAMS,	Haw Branch,	Onslow county,	"
48. CHARLES COBE,	"	"	"
49. E. K. STATZER,	Fayetteville,		"

Union Chapel,	....do......	W. R. Ellis, W. W. Galloway,	14	17				40		25 00	1 50
Christian Chapel,	Martin,	J. B. Leggett, J. R. Robinson,				3	2	55	5 00	18 00	1 00
Macedonia,	....do......	J. H. Leggett, W. W. Leggett, R B Woolard,	5					40	7 50	25 00	1 00
Poplar Chapel,	....do......	R. Davis, J. Mizell, E. W. Ange,		6	2		2	42		15 10	1 00
Zion's Grove	....do......	G W Winn, J R Whitfield, Willie Manning,				2		28		15 00	50
Manning's S. H.,	....do......	J P Moore, A Lilley,	27	34		1		55	10 00	11 00	1 00
Christian Prospect,	Onslow,	Charles Cobe,	12	4		19	1	56		10 67	30
Kitt Swamp,	Craven,	By Letter,						68			2 00
Broad Creek,	....do......	......do	6	2	1			52		16 00	1 00
Alpha,	....do......	W A Euwell, N C Brewer, G Brigs,	2	3	1			31			1 50
Bethany,	Pamlico,	J R Bowden,	11	11	1			101	100 00	60 00	3 00
Bay Creek,	....do......	By Letter,	2		2		2	59			80
Goose Creek,	....do......	......do						73			1 00
Long Acre,	Washington,	H H Bowen, W J Bowen, C B Latham,				1	1	44		25 00	1 25
Free Chapel,	....do......	Jno Newberry,	7				1	125			1 00
Saints Delight,	....do......	A C Wentz, C W Swain,	2	4				56	25 50	30 20	1 50
Christian Hope,	....do......	L Jackson, Jr., H Gardner, E B Gurganus,	1	15		3		103			1 00
Zion's Chapel	....do......	W T Craddick, D Rogerson,						53			1 50
Chapel Hill,	....do......	W C Waters, W J Everitt, G Watson,						22			1 00
Clark's S. H.,	Hyde,	Not Represented,						*25			
Neal's Chapel,	....do......	......do						*63			
Swan Quarter,	....do......	......do						*30			
Middleton,	....do......	By Letter,	9	1				100			
Springfield,	....do......	......do	6		1	4		43			
Deep Spring,	Jones,	Not Represented,						*31			
Shady Grove,	....do......	By Letter,	10	1	1		1	65			1 50
Tuckahoe,	....do......	......do	3		3	1	1	62		20 00	1 50
Pleasant Hill,	....do......	......do	4				2	160			2 50
Weir Creek,	Carteret,	J T Walsh,	5	3				18			1 00
Albemarle,	Tyrell,	By Letter,	7	1				37			2 00
Christ's Church,	Wilson,	R W King, M T Moye,			1			21			3 00
Salem,	....do......	Not Represented,						*8			
Fayetteville,	Cumberland,	......do						*53			
Refuge,	Buncombe,	......do						*30			
Bee Tree,	....do......	......do						*30			
Ashville,	....do......	......do						*12			
		* Number reported last year									
			297	169	28	50	39	4431	$338 65	$710 93	$94 55

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Statistical Table.

CHURCHES.	Counties.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Membership.	District Evangeli'g	Local Expenses.	Publishing Fund.
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	Noah Rouse,						*150			$10 00
Kinston,	do	C. W. Howard, S. H. Rountree,	2	2			1	50			3 00
Bethel,	do	C. L. Rountree, S. D. Sumrell,	20	18		2	1	98			5 20
South West,	do	Not Represented,						*15			
Hookerton,	Greene,	J. B. Taylor, J. Dixon,	20	11		2		148	$90 00	$160 00	
Eden,	do	Not Represented,						*51			
Antioch,	Pitt,	J. R. Dixon, J. F. Hill,	4	3	1			83	20 00	34 45	5 00
Berea,	do	Moses Tyson,	2	4				25			1 00
Corinth,	do	J. J. Moore, A. J. Moye,		1		1		44	15 80	29 45	5 00
Fellows' Chapel,	do	F. M. Kilpatrick, S. Brooks,	11		4		2	236			2 00
Rountree's,	do	J. C. C. Jenkins, J. McLawhon,		2	2			47	24 50		1 50
Chapman's,	do	Not Represented,						*58			
Oak Grove,	do	Mc G. Holliday, A. Baker, J. H. Robinson,		1	1	1		54	14 50	37 85	3 00
Mt. Pleasant,	do	F. Ward, J. Harris, J L. Smith,	6	1	1	3	3	79		30 75	2 00
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	Not Represented,						*107			
Six Run's,	do	do						*67			
Shady Grove,	do	do						*97			
Pleasant Grove,	Wayne,	do						*51			
Mill Creek,	Johnston,	By Letter,	24	10		2	3	214			2 05
Concord,	Beaufort,	P. H. Johnston, G. F. Flynn, W J Crumpler,						160			4 00
Old Ford,	do	F. P. Hodges, R. T. Hodges, E T Woolard,	46	5	1		4	229	11 85	78 10	3 75
Tranter's Creek,	do	R. V. Ricks, A C. Holt,	5			1	1	61		24 36	1 00
Beaver Dam,	do	C. E. Woolard,				4	3	104		40 00	1 50
Head of Pungo,	do	Not Represented,	3					28			1 00
Pungo Chapel,	do	N. Bell, J. K. Voliva,						30			1 50
Union Chapel,	do	N. C. Cutler, A. O. Windly,	5		5		4	135			2 00
Juniper Chapel,	do	J. Barrington, Eli Anderson, C. Williams,	3	9				34		5 00	1 50
White Hill,	do	By Letter,	2				1	42			1 00
North Creek,	do	do	7				3	28			1 00
Trinity,	do	H. H. Hill, W. Cousens, J. L. Winfield,		1				15	14 00		1 00

following theme, *viz:* "THE CHURCH OF CHRIST, HER MINISTRY, AND HER MISSION."

The services were then concluded by Elder J. J. Harper, who announced the good old familiar lines—

> My Christian friends in bonds of love,
> Whose hearts the sweetest union prove—

which was sung by the large congregation of Disciples present with tearful eyes. Elder Harper then pronounced the benediction, and we separated to meet, we trust, where parting will be no more.

JNO. T. WALSH, *Moderator.*
J. J. HARPER, Clerk, JOHN M. GURGANUS, Asst. Mod.
R. T. HODGES, Asst. Clerk.

NEW CHURCHES.

Lee, Madison, county, 1 received, 1 died, present number 67, local expenses $14,10.

Bethlehem, Pamlico county, 6 baptized, present number 16, contribution 80 cents.

Holly Grove, Washington county, present number 60, represented by W. S. Spruell and S. Spruell.

Christian's Delight, Beaufort county, 2 baptized, 2 received, present number 16, contribution $1,00.

Blount's Creek, Beaufort county, present number 9.

Draughan's S. H., Edgecombe county, 6 baptized, present number 13, represented by J. L. Burns. Local expenses $30,00. Contribution $3,50.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Whole number baptized 307. Number received 183. Number dismissed 28. Number excluded 50. Number that have died, 39. Number of members 4,460. Amount for district Evangelizing $338,65. Local expenses reported, $755,03. Contributions to Publishing Fund: From Finance Committee $94.55. Tuckahoe, and Pleasant Hill, Jones county $1.50—$2,50; from Wheat Swamp per Jas. R. Hodges $5,00—total $107.15.

Pleasant Union, Sampson Co., 7 baptized, 1 received, 2 excluded, contribution $1,35. *Six Runs Chapel,* contribution, $1,75.

Pleasant Grove, Waye Co., contribution, 50 cents.

Three last Churches heard from since Convention.

Moved and adopted, That that part of the Report on Publication, relating to the *form* of the forthcoming volume of *Watch-Tower*, be left to the discretion of the Editor.

Moved and adopted, That the Report of the Evangelizing Committee be received, adopted and the Committee discharged.

Report of Evangelizing Committee.

Bro. Moderator:—Your Committee to whom the subject of Evangelizing has been referred, ask leave to submit the following report, viz:

1. That Bro. Henry D. Harper be appointed General Evangelist for the ensuing year.
2. That he be paid a salary of five hundred dollars.
3. That Bro. Harper be authorized to receive all contributions, either from churches or individuals, reporting the same quarterly to the Evangelizing Committee, the deficiency if any, to be paid by assessment, *pro rata*, on pledges already made or by money in hand of said Committee.
4. That the Moderator appoint a Committee of three to be known as the Evangelizing Committee, whose duty it shall be to designate the field of labor, and to receive pledges and to collect money for the support of State Evangelizing.
5. That we also recommend, if a sufficiency of pledges and money can be obtained, that the said Committee be empowered to place one or more Evangelists in the field.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

M. T. MOYE,
J. L. WINFIELD,
J. G. GURGANUS.

In accordance with the above report, the Moderator appointed the following *Evangelical Committee:* Josephus Latham, Wm. J. Moye, and John R. Dixon.

Moved and adopted, That the churches be requested to be prepared with their contributions when the Evangelist shall visit them.

Moved and adopted, That we now adjourn to meet at Corinth, Pitt county, on Thursday before the 2d Lord's day in Oct. 1875.

The Convention having adjourned, the large number of Disciples present proceeded to partake of the Lord's Supper, after which they sang a Hymn, and the large congregation proceeded to the stand and seats in the open air, in a grove near by, when the Moderator of the Convention addressed the audience on the

the fact that there are some other things we deem to be at present of paramount importance before the Convention, that are yet not accomplished; and believing that it is necessary to gradually educate our people to the importance of such an institution, we hope the time is not far distant when we will all be aroused from our lethargy, and not only see, but act our duty. By placing the whole matter in the hands of a Board of Education for the present, we believe that by energy and perseverance, the end will be accomplished in no very far distant future.

Your Committee are sensible of the fact that the plan is far from perfect, therefore we only present it as a basis for future operations. Respectfully submitted,

R. W. KING,
J. J. HARPER,
J. LATHAM.

In accordance with a recommendation in the above Report, the Moderator appointed the following brethren to constitute

A BOARD OF EDUCATION:

J. H. Foy, J. L. Winfield, Dr. H. D. Harper, S. H. Rountree, and Dr. F. W. Dixon.

At this point the Committee on General Evangelizing made a report, which, on motion, was laid on the table.

Resolved, That this Convention tender their thanks to the citizens of this community for their kind hospitality.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the late Editor and Publisher of the *Watch-Tower*, for his efficient labors as Editor.

On motion, The Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow (Lord's day) at 9 o'clock. Benediction by Dr. Walsh.

LORD'S DAY, 9 o'clock, A. M.

Lord's day morning the Convention met according to adjournment. Praise and Prayer by Moderator and Elder J. Latham.

Moved and adopted, That the preachers belonging to this Convention hold at each Annual and Union Meeting, a session or Minister's meeting for mutual consultation and instruction.

On motion, The report of Committee on Evangelizing was re-committed for further consideration.

The Moderator appointed the following brethren a Committee to secure funds to carry on the publication of the *Watch-Tower* during the year 1875: Dr. R. W. King, Dr. F. W. Dixon, and Jas. R. Robinson.

Nov 2nd 1875

Receipts for Watch-Tower.

Miss Sina Ipock, Elder D. V. Etheridge, Thomas Sutton, (col.) M. Harvey, David Harris, H. D. Cason, John B. Leggett, Willis S. Cherry, Uriah Leggett, Archibald Whitly, $1 each. Edward Swain, Alfred Jackson, Joseph Swain, Mrs. Mary Edwards, G. P. Rose, J. B. Respess, Mrs. Ann M. Dibble, $1,50 each. *Pledges paid:* J. H. Foy, $5,00, James R. Hodges, Wm. H. Rountree, Isaac Chesnut, R. J. Taylor, J. J. Harper $2 each.

Total in Subscriptions and Pledges,	$ 35 50
From Convention for Minute Fund,	107 15
Amount received for Advertising,	310 53
	$453 18

DISBURSEMENTS:

Deficit on August issue,	$36 73
Printing September Number, (2000 copies)	70 00
Transcribing Minutes,	15 00
Wrapping Paper,	50
Postage on Minutes,	10 00
Office rent,	3 00
Editorial services for 2 years @ $200,	400 00
	$535 23

Balance due Editor, ... $82 05

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MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

IN NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD AT

Wheat Swamp Church, Lenoir County,

OCTOBER 5, 6, 7 AND 8. 1876.

New-Berne, N. C.
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PROCEEDINGS.

The Annual Convention of the Disciples of Christ, in North Carolina, assembled with the Church at Wheat Swamp, Lenoir Co., Thursday, October the 5th, 1876. According to appointment, the Introductory Discourse was preached by brother Josephus Latham, after which brother Gideon Allen, the former Moderator, appointed a Committee on Organization, consisting of brethren J. L. Winfield, William Sutton Sr., and Dr. F. W. Dixon.

The Committee reported Dr. J. T. Walsh for Moderator, and brother G. Allen, Assistant; brother J. J. Harper, Clerk, and brother J. Latham, Assistant. The report was adopted, and the Committee discharged.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: On Preaching, Wm. Sutton, Sr., Simon E. Hodges, and Robert J. Weaver. On Report of Churches, R. T. Hodges, J. B. Martin, and C. W. Howard. On Finances T. R. Youngblood, F. P. Hodges, and H. C. Bowen. On Lord's Day Schools, J. Latham, J. L. Winfield, and C. C. King.

A resolution was offered by Dr. H. D. Harper, rescinding the appointment for preaching at night, which, on motion of J. L. Winfield, was adopted.

On motion of brother J. L. Burns, the Convention adjourned until Friday morning 9 o'clock.

Friday, 9 o'clock, A. M., Convention met according to appointment, and was opened with services by brother C. W. Howard.

The proceedings of Thursday were read and approved.

The Moderator then proceeded to call the roll of churches. See Table.

Table of Statistics.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	DELEGATES.	Baptized.	Received.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Present No	Minute Fund.
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	Wm. Sutton, Sr., S. E, Hodges, J. D. Hill,	3				3	140	$ 4 00
Kinston,	"	S. H. Rountree, J. Wood, C. W. Howard,	2	1	1		3	52	2 50
Bethel,	"	C. T. Barwick, C. S. Sumerell, H. F. Brooks,	6	3	3	5		90	
South West,	"	Not represented						15	
Briery Swamp,	"	J. A, Lewis, J. Pool, J. Freeman,	9	1				31	1 00
Hookerton,	Greene,	F. W. Dixon, B. Hart, R. J. Weaver,			7	20	1	130	
Eden,	"	A. B. Taylor, M. Ginn,	1	2		8	1	71	2 00
Antioch,	Pitt,	R. Starkey, Thomas Hill,	18	1	1	4		101	5 00
Berea,	"	M, W. Tyson,	1	1			1	19	50
Corinth,	"	R. A. L. Carr, Josiah Dixon,	1	5		1	1	50	5 00
Fellow's Chapel,	"	J. McCotter, F. M. Kilpatrick, L. K. Witherington.	2		13		2	185	2 00
Rountree's,	"	J. C. Jenkins, J, McLawhon, B. F. McLawhon,						46	1 50
Oak Grove,	"	T. Keel, J. H. Robinson, A. S. Congleton,	15	2	1	2		72	3 00
Mount Pleasant,	"	J. Harris, W. Stancill,	3	1	4			69	2 00
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	By Letter.			4			100	1 80
Six Run's Chapel,	"	"	46	6				107	1 25
Shady Grove,	"	Not represented,						97	
Eureka,	Wayne,	K. Britt, Jr., L. Godwin, J. Jorden,	29	6		5	1	166	3 00
Goldsboro,	"	W. A. Brand,						12	1 00
Mill Creek,	Johnston,	By Letter,	28				2	219	2 50
Wilson's Mills,	"	T. R. Youngblood, J. M. Vinson, B. F. Fuller,	1	1		1		24	3 00
Concord,	Beaufort,	G. F. Flynn, R. F. Shavender,	7	1	2		3	169	4 00
Old Ford,	"	F. P. Hodges, E. T. Woolard, R. T. Hodges,	25	2	2	2		248	3 00
Tranters Creek,	"	By Letter,			2	1	1	50	1 00
Beaver Dam,	"	"	20					174	
Head of Pungo,	"							28	
Pungo Chapel,	"	By Letter,	1					32	1 00
Union Chapel,	"	J. W, Latham, W. Latham, F. T. Whitley,	12	2	2		2	137	1 65
Juniper Chapel,	"		7					41	
White Hill,	"							45	
Blount's Creek,	"							9	
North Creek,	"		9					37	
Trinity,	"	By Letter,	5	5				23	50
Union Chapel, Jr,	"							135	
Christian's Delight,	"							18	
Post Oak Chapel,	"		2					39	

Christian Chapel,	Martin,	By Letter,	27			3		82	1 00
Macedonia,	"	J. E. Peel,	2	3	1	3	1	52	1 50
Poplar Chapel,	"	By Letter,			1			62	1 00
Zion's Grove,	"	J. B. Robinson,	35		1			50	1 50
Manning's S. H.	"		3					67	
Christian Prospect,	Onslow,	W. Basden, J. B. Huffman,	4			4	2	68	1 20
Kitt Swamp,	Craven,	H. Gaskins, L. Caton,	5	5	3	11	2	61	1 00
Alpha, ,	"	Not represented,						32	
Stony Branch,	"	By Letter,			1			13	1 00
Broad Creek,	Pamlico,	B. Holton, J. B Dunn,						47	1 00
Bethany,	"	S. S. Braughton, J. B. Martin, A. C. Brinson,	13	15			1	115	1 75
Bay Creek,	"							59	
Goose Creek,	"							69	1 00
Bethlehem,	"	C. Balls,	17				1	33	1 00
Long Acre,	Washington,	H. C. Bowen,	2	3			3	56	1 00
Chapel Hill,	"	By Letter,	12	14				45	1 50
Free Chapel,	"	"	1	2	1			110	
Phillippi,	"	"	40					95	
Christian Hope,	"	L, Jackson, E. B. Gurganus,	10	11	2	2	4	122	2 00
Zion's Chapel,	"	By Letter,		2	2			46	
Clark's S. H.,	Hyde,	Not represented,						25	
Neill's Chapel,	"	"						63	
Swan Quarter,	"	"						30	
Middleton,	"	"						100	
Springfield,	"	"						63	
Deep Spring,	Jones,	F. J. Koonce, J. B. Pollok, Z. T. Koonce,		2				39	1 00
Shady Grove,	"	C. Heath, J. Basden,			9	1	1	52	1 50
Tuckahoe,	"	Z. Huffham, B. H. Huffham,	4	1	1		2	97	1 25
Pleasant Hill,	"	W. B. Nunn, J. H. Kincy, J. Brown,		3	4		3	139	2 00
White Oak,	"	By Letter,	30					50	2 00
Ware Creek,	Carteret,	"						18	
Albemarle,	Tyrrell,	"	11					37	
Christ's Church, Wilson,	Wilson,	George Hackney, J. W. Hines,						29	3 00
Fayetteville,	Cumberland,							37	
Draughan's S. H.,	Edgecombe,	J. W. Draughan,		1	1			22	2 50
Battleboro,	"					4		17	
Lee,	Madison,							67	
Refuge,	Buncombe,							30	
Bee Tree,	"							30	
Asheville,	"							12	
River Side,	Craven,	J. B. Gardner, J. D. May,	25	7				50	2 00
Concord,	Pamlico,	N. Tetterton,	14	19				33	1 00
			508	128	69	77	41	5,298	$ 90 90

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Just at this point brother J. H. Foy arrived, and reported that brother W. G. Fordham had been suddenly stricken down by disease, and could not attend the Convention. On motion of bro. Foy, brother Latham lead in prayer in behalf of this afflicted brother.

On motion, the Convention adjourned to hear preaching. Brother J. J. Harper preached, according to appointment, on Lord's day Schools, after which the Convention resumed business. On motion of brother J. Latham, the new congregation worshipping at River Side was received as a constituent member of this Body.

Brother C. W. Howard offered the following resolution :—

Resolved, That a committee of five private members be appointed to investigate, and report with reference to any charges, or rumors, against any of the preachers on our list of preachers, and that said committee report in writing to this Convention.

The resolution was adopted, and the following brethren appointed on the committee : James W. Draughan, Isaac Brown, Simon E. Hodges, Josiah Dixon, and Levi Jackson, Jr.

The following report of brother M. T. Moye's services, as Editor of the *Watch Tower* in 1875, was received, and read, and ordered to be incorporated in the proceedings of this Convention.

To the Annual Convention of the Disciples of Christ of North Carolina :

Dear Brethren .—In compliance with instructions received from your " Committee on Publications," I desire to submit a financial statement of the *Watch-Tower* since my report in October 1875, showing the receipts and disbursements of all funds which have come into my hands to date ;

RECEIPTS.

Minute fund from Convention of 1875,	$109.77
Donations of Churches and Individuals,	40.62
From subscriptions and pledges,	61.37
From subscriptions to the *Iron Preacher*,	50.52
Amount,	$262.28

DISBURSEMENTS.

Deficit of the year 1875,	$172.28
Deficit on sale of goods, (Sister's S. B.)	10.00
Printing Minutes,	65.00
Mailing, Postage and incidental expenses,	15.00
Amount,	$262.28

Respectfully submitted,
M. T. MOYE.

The following resolution was offered by bro. J. H. Foy :

Resolved, That this Convention in receiving the final report of brother Moses T. Moye, former editor of the *Watch-Tower*, hereby expresses its full and hearty endorsement of his course while editor, and assures him that he carries with him into retirement the good will and affection of this body, and, we believe, of the brotherhood throughout the State.

Bro. J. L. Winfield preached on the subject assigned him at 2 o'clock, P. M.

The committee to whom was referred for investigation, at last Convention, the Brown's School House difficulty, and the conduct of Eld. Daniel Williams, reported that, in their judgment, it was best to allow the two congregations to remain and worship as they are ; and that they find no real cause for complaint against brother Williams. The report was adopted, and the committee discharged.

On motion, the name of brother John Newberry, Sr., who had been regularly ordained, was ordered to be placed on the list of preachers.

On motion, the name of brother J. M. Gurganus was stricken from the roll of preachers, in consequence of his death. Brother J. Latham was appointed to prepare a biography of Eld. Gurganus, and submit to the next Annual Convention. Dr. H. D. Harper was appointed to prepare a biographical sketch of Eld. Statzer.

The following resolution by brother J. H. Foy, was read, and unanimously adopted :

Resolved, That this Convention delegate our esteemed brethren, J. L. Burns, Drs. F. W. Dixon, and J. T. Walsh, to the General Convention of the Disciples of Christ to sit in Richmond, Va., on the 17th inst., and that we authorize them to take such steps as, in their judgment, seems best, towards identifying us with that Body.

Brother B. Holton introduced the following resolution, which was adopted·

Resolved. That this Convention urge upon our Preachers the importance of attending our Annual Conventions. *Resolved,* also, that the congregation, for which each indigent Minister labors, is requested to pay his expenses.

On motion of brother G. Allen, the Convention adjourned until Saturday morning 9 o'clock. Services by the Moderator.

Saturday, 9 o'clock, A. M. Convention assembled according to adjournment, and was opened with appropriate services by brother J. L. Burns.

On motion, the new church at Concord, Pamlico Co., was placed on the list of churches.

Report of Committee on Preachers :—

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BRO. MODERATOR :

Your committee, to whom was referred the roll of preachers, for examination into their Christian character, beg leave to report, that we find no well established cause of complaint against any of them. All seem to be working for the spread of truth, as surrounding circumstances will allow.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. DRAUGHAN,
ISAAC BROWN,
JOSIAH DIXON,
J. E. PEEL.

Report received, and Committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Churches.

The Committee on Churches brought in the following report :—

Bro. Moderator:

We are happy to say that reports from all points show that general prosperity has attended our efforts, during the past year. We report the addition of two new congregations, with an aggregate membership, to them, of 83. See Table. Number baptized in this State, during the year, 508. Total membership reported, 5,298

Respectfully submitted,
R. T. HODGES,
C. W. HOWARD,
J. B. MARTIN,

Report was received, and the Committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report :

Bro. Moderator:

Your committee, to whom was submitted the Minute Fund, ask to report that they have received $90.90.

Respectfully submitted,
T. R. YOUNGBLOOD,
F. P. HODGES,
H. C. BOWEN.

Report was received, and the Committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Lord's day Schools.

The Committee on Lord's day Schools brought in the following report:

Bro. Moderator:

We, the committee on Lord's day Schools, beg leave to report that we hail with joy the growing interest manifested by Disciples, the last few years, in having their children taught the truths of the Bible, by competent teachers, whose minds are free from error. We hear of thriving schools of this kind, in different parts of the State, but as we have, in the Church letters, so few specifications, we deem it best not to attempt to report particulars, hoping and requesting, that the leading members of each congregation, where there is none, shall, without delay, organize, and equip a Lord's day School, and report particulars to next Annual Convention. We earnestly insist on those engaged in bringing up the young in the way they should go, that they use books arranged according to the Word of God, and not according to the "commandments of men;" for it is exceedingly inconsistent for our children to be taught one thing, and our preachers to preach another.

As a book of questions for beginners, we heartily recommend sister Logan's *Bible Questions*, sold by Chase & Hall, Cincinnati, O., and, also, the *Christian Mentor*, published by brother Isaac Errett, 180, Elm St., Cincinnati, O.

In conclusion, let us again entreat the brethren and sisters, throughout the State, to lend a helping hand in this important field of labor.

Respectfully submitted.

J. LATHAM,
J. L. WINFIELD,
C. C. KING.

On motion, the amount of evangelizing funds on hand, was paid over to Dr. Harper, for services already rendered.

On motion, brethren J. H. Foy, Isaac Chestnut, and Dr. Walsh, were appointed to attend the next Convention of the colored Disciples of Christ, in this State.

On motion, brother J. J. Harper was appointed to prepare the Minutes of this Meeting for the press, have 2,000 copies printed, and distribute them *pro rata* among the churches.

On motion of brother J. Latham, bro. Harper was instructed to pay the expenses of printing, and distributing the Minutes, retain $10 for his services, and to pay over the residue to our afflicted young brother, L. D. Sumerlin, accompanied with our tender regards.

The Moderator adjourned the Convention for preaching.

According to arrangement at last Convention, brother J. T. Walsh preached on *The Church and its Identity*, and brother Foy, on *Our Position*. Both were excellent discourses.

After preaching, the Convention re-assembled, and business was resumed.

The place of holding the next Annual Convention was taken up, and, on counting, it was found that a majority of votes were cast in favor of Fellow's Chapel, (new church)—SALEM Pitt Co., N. C., to commence on Thursday before the second Lord's day in October, 1877.

Brother Isaac Chestnut was appointed to preach the Introductory, and brother C. W. Howard his Alternate.

On motion the thanks of the Convention were tendered to the citizens of this community for their kind hospitality, during our stay among them.

On motion of brother Burns, the thanks of the Convention were tendered the officers for the faithful discharge of their duties.

On motion of brother G. Allen, the Convention adjourned to meet at the time and place designated, a year hence.

Remarks, and services by the Moderator.

Brother J. L. Burns, according to appointment, preached on Lord's day, on the *Union of Christians*, a good, practical sermon, to a very large audience.

We then reluctantly bid each other farewell, some, doubtless, until the last trump shall summon us to give an account of our stewardship. May the blessing of a kind Heavenly Father descend upon us all in our humble efforts to serve Him.

J. J. Harper, Clerk. J. T. WALSH, Moderator.
J. Latham, Asst. GIDEON ALLEN, Asst.

List of Preachers with their Post Office Address.

	Names of Preachers.	*Post Offices.*			
1.	PETER E. HINES,	Wilson,	Wilson	County,	N. C.
2.	M. T. MOYE,	"	"	"	"
3.	R. J. TAYLOR,	"	"	"	"
4.	JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Greenville,	Pitt	"	"
5.	GIDEON ALLEN,	Marlboro,	"	"	"
6.	GEO. JOYNER,	"	"	"	"
7.	HENRY D. CASON,	Middleton,	Hyde	"	"
8.	J. S. HENDERSON,	"	"	"	"
9.	S. L. DAVIS,	Burgess Mills,	"	"	"
10.	JOHN R. WINFIELD,	Pantego,	Beaufort	"	"
11.	HENRY WINFIELD,	"	"	"	"
12.	MILTON F. JARVIS,	"	"	"	"
13.	Dr. JNO. T. WALSH,	Kinston,	Lenoir	"	"
14.	W. R. FULCHER,	New-Berne,	Craven	"	"
15.	J. W. P. HOLTON,	"	"	"	"
16.	ISAAC P. HOLTON,	"	"	"	"
17.	A. J. HOLTON,	"	"	"	"
18.	THOS. H. BOWEN,	"	"	"	"
19.	J. L. WINFIELD,	Swift Creek	"	"	"
20.	D. H. MILLER,	Goldsboro,	Wayne	"	"
21.	J. J. HARPER,	Smithfield,	Johnston	"	"
22.	L. D. SUMMERLIN,	Newton Grove,	Sampson	"	"
23.	Dr. H. D. HARPER,	"	"	"	"
24.	J. L. BURNS,	Whitaker's,	Edgecombe	"	"
25.	W. H. COBB,	"	"	"	"
26.	J. H. FOY,	Kinston,	Lenoir	"	"
27.	C. W. HOWARD,	"	"	"	"
28.	ISAAC CHESNUT,	"	"	"	"
29.	E. L. SOWERS,	"	"	"	"
30.	STANLY AYRES,	Williamston,	Martin	"	"
31.	T. ROEBUCK,	"	"	"	"
32.	J. J. COLTRAIN,	Jamesville,	"	"	"
33.	J. W. HARDISON,	"	"	"	"
34.	JOSEPH G. GURGANUS,	Plymouth,	Washington	"	"
35.	HENRY S. GURGANUS,	"	"	"	"
36.	WM. M. DAVIS,	"	"	"	"
37.	JNO. W. GURGANUS,	Long Ridge,	"	"	"
38.	A. C. WENTZ	Lee's Mills,	"	"	"
39.	A. C. HART,	Hookerton,	Greene	"	"
40.	IRVIN JONES,	"	"	"	"
41.	J. T. DAVIS,	"	"	"	"
42.	CHARLES C. KING,	"	"	"	"
43.	HENRY O. CUTLER,	Washington,	Beaufort	"	"
44.	THOMAS W. WHITLEY,	"	"	"	"
45.	D. A WILLIAMS,	Haw Branch,	Onslow	"	"
46.	R. W STANCILL,	Greenville,	Pitt	"	"
47.	H. C. BOWEN,	Plymouth,	Washington	"	"
48.	JOHN NEWBERRY,	Scuppernong,	"	"	"

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MINUTES

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DISCIPLES OF CHRIST

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Salem, Pitt County, N. C.,

October 11th, 12th, and 13th, 1877.

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List of Preachers with their Post Office Addrsss, in Alphabetical Order,

Names of Preachers.	Post Offices.			
GIDEON ALLEN,	Marlboro,	Pitt	county,	N. C.
STANLY AYERS,	Williamston,	Martin	"	"
J. L. BURNS,	Whitakers,	Edgecombe	"	"
THOS. H. BOWEN,	New-Berne,	Craven	"	"
H. C. BOWEN,	Plymouth,	Washington	"	"
HENRY D. CASON,	Engelhard,	Hyde	"	"
J. J. COLTRAIN,	Jamesville,	Martin	"	"
W. H. COBB,	Whitakers,	Edgecombe	"	"
ISAAC CHESNUTT,	Johnson's Mills,	Pitt	"	"
HENRY O. CUTLER,	Washington,	Beaufort	"	"
S. L. DAVIS,	Burgess Mills	Hyde	"	"
W. M. DAVIS,	Plymouth,	Washington	"	"
J. T. DAVIS,	Hookerton,	Greene	"	"
J. H. FOY,	Wilson,	Wilson	"	"
J. G. GURGANUS,	Plymouth,	Washington	"	"
HENRY S. GURGANUS,	Long Ridge,	Washington	"	"
JNO. W. GURGANUS,	" "	"	"	"
PETER E. HINES,	Wilson,	Wilson	"	"
J. S. HENDERSON,	Middleton,	Hyde	"	"
J. W. HARDISON,	Jamesville,	Martin	"	"
ISAAC P. HOLTON,	New-Berne,	Craven	"	"
J. W. P. HOLTON,	"	"	"	"
A. J. HOLTON,	"	"	"	"
J. J. HARPER,	Smithfield,	Johnston	"	"
N. B. HOOD,	Harpers.	"	"	"
DR. H. D. HARPER,	Kinston,	Lenoir	"	"
CURTIS HEATH,	"	"	"	"
C. W. HOWARD,	"	"	"	"
A. C. HART,	Hookerton,	Greene	"	"
IRVIN JONES,	"	"	"	"
GEO. JOYNER,	Marlboro,	Pitt	"	"
JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Greenville,	"	"	"
D. H. MILLER,	Goldsboro,	Wayne	"	"
JOHN NEWBERRY,	Scuppernong,	Washington	"	"
T. ROEBUCK,	Williamston,	Martin	"	"
R. W. STANCILL,	Greenville,	Pitt	"	"
E. L. SOWERS,	Kinston,	Lenoir	"	"
R. J. TAYLOR,	Wilson,	Wilson	"	"
JNO. R. WINFIELD,	Pantego,	Beaufort	"	"
HENRY WINFIELD,	"	"	"	"
J. L. WINFIELD,	Swift Creek	Craven	"	"
DR. J. T. WALSH,	Kinston,	Lenoir	"	"
A. C. WENTZ,	Lee's Mills,	Washington	"	"
THOMAS W. WHITLEY,	Washington,	Beaufort	"	"
D. A. WILLIAMS,	Richlands,	Onslow	"	"

PROCEEDINGS

OF

Annual Convention N. C. Disciples of Christ.

The Annual Convention of Churches of Christ, which are in North Carolina, assembled with the Church at Salem, Pitt Co., on Thursday, October 11th, 1877.

The Introductory discourse was preached by brother Isaac Chesnutt, after which brother J. T. Walsh, the former Moderator, appointed the following Committee on organization: A. J. Moye, J. B. Taylor, Barram Hart and Samuel Quinerly.

The Committee reported bro. H. D. Harper, Moderator, bro. Gideon Allen, Asst., bro. J. M. Mewboorne, Clerk, and bro. C. W. Howard, Asst.

After taking the chair, the Moderator, Dr. H. D. Harper, appointed the following Committees: On preaching: S. Quinerly, Calvin Stokes, Guilford Gardner. On Report of Churches: Dr. F. W. Dixon, J. B. Taylor, and A. J. Moye. On Finance: C. W. Howard, J. Latham and H. C. Bowen. On Lord'sday Schools: J. G. Gurganus, J. L. Winfield and Isaac Chesnutt.

On motion of bro. J. J. Harper, it was ordered by the Convention, that the names of the Church Clerks be published with the proceedings of the Convention.

At 12 M., the Convention took a recess of thirty minutes.

After refreshments the Convention re-assembled, and the Moderator proceeded to call the roll of churches.

Convention adjourned to meet to-morrow, (Friday,) at 9 A. M.

October 12th, 1877.

The Convention assembled at 9 A. M., and was opened with services by Dr. Walsh.

On motion of Dr. Walsh, the Biographical Sketches of Elders Gurganus and Statzer were called for, and that of Elder Statzer read, and on motion ordered to be printed in the minutes of this Convention. Bro. Latham asked for longer time to prepare the Biography of Elder J. M. Gurganus, which was granted.

The following Committee was appointed to investigate the moral standing of the ministers of this Convention: B. Hart, K. Britt, Jr., A. J. Moye, Caleb Cannon, Sr., W. W. Galloway. On motion of bro. A. J. Moye, it was ordered that the name of this Convention be changed to Annual Conference.

On motion of Dr. Walsh, Resolved that the following places be regarded as missionary points, and that the number of the Disciples at each place be printed in the minutes: *viz:* Whitakers, Edgcombe Co., 15 members. Red Oak, Nash Co., 8 members. Salisbury, Martin Co., 18 members. Union Chapel, Onslow Co., 16 members. Resort, Greene Co., 7 members. Fayetteville, N. C., 37 members. Goldsboro, 12 members. New-Berne, 7 members.

On motion of C. W. Howard, it was ordered that Isaac Huffman be allowed to sit as a delegate from the church at Tuckahoe, Jones Co.

On motion of J. G. Gurganus, it was ordered that bro. Baker Robinson be allowed to sit as a delegate from Robinsonville, Martin Co.

On motion of Dr. Walsh, bro. J. Latham was requested to prepare a Biographical Sketch of Elder M. F. Jarvis by our next Annual meeting.

On motion of Dr. Walsh, bro. A. J. Holton was requested to prepare a Biographical Sketch of Elder W. R. Fulcher, to be reported at next Conference.

On motion of bro. Burns, bro. J. J. Harper is requested to prepare a Biographical Sketch of L. Summerlin, to be reported at next Conference.

By his own request, C. C. King's name was erased from the list of preachers. B

The name of N. ~~D.~~ Hood, left off by mistake, was ordered to be put back.

The Convention adjourned to meet at 9 A. M., Saturday.

Saturday, 9 A. M., Oct. 13th, 1877.

The Convention met in accordance with adjournment. Opened with services by J. L. Burns. The Committees not being ready to report, by suggestion of Elder J. J. Harper, the following brethren were appointed to attend the Annual Meeting of Colored Disciples of North Carolina, which is to begin Thursday before the 4th Lord's-day in (this) October: Dr. J. T. Walsh, J. T. Davis, C. W. Howard and S. H. Rountree.

On motion of bro. C. W. Howard, it was ordered that bro. J. T. Walsh transcribe the minutes of this Convention, and be allowed $10 for this work, and have the minutes printed and mailed with the rest of the funds.

On motion, the Convention agreed to meet at Robinsonville, Martin Co., on Thursday before 2d Lord'sday in 1878, bro. J. T. Davis to preach the Introductory, and bro. J. Latham his alternate.

At this point the Committee on Lord'sday Schools, reported as follows:

Lord'sday Schools.

Bro. Moderator :

Your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Lord'sday Schools, ask to submit the following report:

Kinston, Lenoir Co., 30 pupils, 8 teachers, library

$60.00, Superintendent, A. J. Loftin. Chistian Prospect, Onslow Co., 30 pupils. Eureka, Wayne Co., 110 pupils, 14 teachers, 4678 verses memorised. Pleasant Union, Sampson Co., a school of 50 pupils. Mill Creek, Johnston Co., 100 pupils, volumes in library 123. Bethlehem, Pamlico Co., 74 pupils, 12 teachers, 30 volumes in library, 3436 verses memorised. River Side, Craven Co., 29 pupils, 7 teachers, 12 volumes in library, and 18 papers taken. Salem, Pitt Co, 58 pupils, 11 teachers, library worth $40.00. Wilson's Mills, Johnston Co., 25 pupils, 6 teachers, 40 papers taken, volumes in library 30. Free Chapel, Washington Co., 50 pupils, 4 teachers. Holly Neck, 30 pupils, 3 teachers.

We respectfully recommend to this Convention, the importance of urging upon our preachers the necessity of laying this matter before their respective congregations without delay, making the subject of Lord'sday Schools a specialty. We believe this is the only means available at this time of awakening the Brotherhood to the importance of immediate action and unremitting effort in this work. This work must be begun by the preachers, and we indulge the hope that each one will proceed at once to organize a school in each congregation. We further recommend that the Superintendent of schools now in progress, take steps to supply them with books and papers which are sound in doctrine. As suitable papers we most heartily endorse "*The Teachers Mentor*," published by Issac Errett, 180 Elm St., Cincinnati, Ohio, and also the "*Childrens Friend*," "*Bible Lessons*," "*Good Words*" and "*Little Pearls*," published by the Transylvania Publishing Co., Lexington, Ky.

J. L. WINFIELD,
ISAAC CHESTNUTT, } Com.
J. G. GURGANUS.

Received, adopted and Committee discharged.

Report of Committee on Preachers.

Bro. Moderator ;

Your committee, to whom was reported the roll of preachers for examination into their Christian character, beg leave to report, that we find no cause of complaint against any of them. Most of them seem to be working for the spread of the truth, as surrounding circumstances will allow.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. J. Moye,
Barram Hart,
Caleb Cannon, Sr.,
W. W. Galloway. } Com.

Report of Committee on Finance.

Bro. Moderator :

The Committee on Finance beg leave to report: That the "Minute Fund" of last year being all expended, we have only the contribution of this year to report on hand, namely, $67.00.

Respectfully Submitted,

Josephus Latham,
C. W. Howard,
H. C. Bowen. } Com.

Report of Committee on Churches.

Bro. Moderator :

We are glad to be able to say, that the reports from the churches show that tolerable prosperity has attended our efforts during the past year. We report the addition of seven new congregations with an aggregate membership of 346 members. Number baptised in this State during the year, 300.* Total membership reported, 6,047.¶

Respectfully Submitted,

A. J. Moye,
Jos. B. Taylor,
F. W. Dixon. } Com.

Received and Committee discharged.

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*This is doubtless below the number, as there are about 40 churches not represented. J. T. W.

¶ An under estimate, as the report is largely made out from last year's minutes, the churches not being represented this year. J. T. W.

On motion of bro. J. H. Foy, ordered that the name of bro. Curtis Heath be added to the list of preachers.

On motion of bro. Burns, we thank this community for their hospitality, and the officers of the Convention for their faithful discharge of duty.

Lord's Day Morning, 9 A. M.

A special session of the Convention was held this morning with reference to the letter of bro. M. T. Moye, whose request had been voted down on Saturday; and, on motion, said vote was re-considered, and the Convention granted the request of Elder Moses T. Moye with tearful regrets, many tears being shed on the occasion.

☞ No report of the Committee on preaching came into the hands of the transcriber, but the following brethren preached during the Convention: Isaac Chestnutt, C. W. Howard, Henry C. Bowen, A. J. Holton, J. J. Harper, H. D. Harper, J. T. Walsh and J. H. Foy.

On motion of bro. G. Allen the Convention adjourned to meet at Robinsonville, Martin Co., on Thursday before 2d Lord's day in Oct., 1878.

H. D. Harper, Moderator.
G. Allen, Asst. "

J. M. Mewboorne, Clerk.
C. W. Howard, Asst. "

Thus ended a very harmonious session of our Annual meeting. May there be an increase of brotherly love and kindly affection; and may all bitterness, jealousy, envying and ill will be banished far from our hearts; and may we all labor together with one heart, one soul and one mouth in the cause of our Blessed Lord, and unitedly grow up into Him who is the great Head of the Church, and the Head of all principality and power.

J. T. W.

Roll of Churches, &c.

LENOIR Co.: *Wheat Swamp*—Delegates, J. M. Mewboorne, Edward L. Sutton. Died 1. No. members 140. Minute Fund $2. Edward L. Sutton, clerk, Post Office, Kinston.

Kinston—Delegates, S. H. Rountree, Isaiah Wood, A. J. Loftin. Baptised 2. Received 2. Number 74, Minute Fund $1.80. N. D. Myers, clerk, Post Office, Kinston.

Bethel—Delegates, E. Brooks, C. T. Barwick. Received 1. Excluded 8. Died 1. Members 91. Minute Fund $3.40. W. C. Coward, clerk, Post Office Kinston.

South West—Delegate, C. W. Howard. Baptised 3. Received 1. Died 1. Members 10.

Briery Swamp—Delegates, James Freeman, J. Young, Baptised 2. Received 2. Died 1. Members 33. Minute Fund $1. Thomas Ward, clerk, Post Office, Kinston.

GREEN Co.: *Hookerton Church*—Delegates, F. W. Dixon, Barram Hart, J. B. Taylor; Baptised 6; Dismissed 2; Excluded 3; Died 1; Members 128; Minute Fund $5. F. W. Dixon, clerk, Post Office Snow Hill, Greene county.

Eden—Delegates, A. B. Taylor, J. W. Taylor. Baptised 1; Received 1; Excluded 2; Died 1; Members 62; Minute Fund $2.25. Wm, Frazier, clerk, Post Office Snow Hill, Greene county. *Resort Mission*—members 7.

PITT Co.: *Antioch*—Delegates, J. R. Dixon, R. Starkey. Excluded 4; Died 1; Members 99; Minute Fund $2. George W. Barrett, clerk, Post Office Farmville, Pitt county.

Berea—Delegate, M. W. Tyson. Baptised 2; Received 2; Members 19; Minute Fund 50 cts. J. J. May, clerk, Post Office Greenville, Pitt county.

Corinth—Delegates, J. J. Moore, A. J. Moye, E. A. Moye. Died 1; Members 49; Fund $3, E. A. Moye, clerk, Post Offie Farmville, Pitt county.

Salem—Delegates, Jacob McCotter, S. Quinerly, G. Gardner. Baptised 6; Received 5; Members 98; Fund $1.55. Calvin Stokes, clerk, Post Office Johnson's Mills, Pitt county.

Timothy Chapel—Delegates, J. Wall, J. Stokes, B. Moore. Members 41; Fund $1. A. Gardner, clerk, Post Office Johnson's Mills, Pitt county.

Rountree's—Delegates, Jerry McLawhorn, J. R. Forbes, C. Cannon, Sr. Baptised 4; Members 50; Fund $2.

Oak Grove—Delegates, William A. Robinson, H. Pierce, E. D. Hollady. Baptised 9; Received 1; Excluded 2; Died 1; Members 81; Fund $2.50. Irvin N. Keel, clerk, Post Office Robinsonville, Martin county.

Mt Pleasant—Delegates, W. Stancill, F. Ward, J. Harris. Baptised 15. Dismissed 1; Excluded 1; Died 2; Members 81; Fund $2.50.

SAMPSON Co.: *Pleasant Union*—Delegate, G. W. Thornton. Baptised 28; Received 1; Died 1; Members 122; Fund $1.35.

Six Runs—Not represented. Members about 120.

Shady Grove—Not represented. Members about 97.

Wayne Co.: *Eureka*—Delegates, G. Britt, E. Goodwin, K. Britt. Members 110; fund $2.50.

Goldsboro Mission—Members 12.

Johnston Co.: *Mill Creek*—By letter. Baptised 15; received 2. excluded 12; died 1; members 229; fund $2.50.

Wilson's Mills—Delegate, J. W. Vinson. Baptised 2; received 1; members 28; fund $3.

Beaufort Co.: *Concord*—Not represented. Members about 169.

Old Ford—Not represented. Members about 248.

Tranters Creek—Not represented. Members about 50.

Beaver Dam—Not represented. Members about 174.

Head of Pungo—Not represented. Members about 28.

Pungo Chapel—Not represented. Members about 32.

Union Chapel—Not represented. Members 137.

Juniper Chapel—Not represented. Members estimated 41.

White Hill—Not represented. Members estimated 45.

Blount's Creek—Not represented. Members 9.

Pamlico Chapel—Not represented. Members 37.

Trinity—Delegates, S. B. Latham, H. H. Hill. Baptised 4; received 7; members 31; fund $1. S. B. Latham, clerk, Post Office Washington, Beaufort county.

Union Chapel, jr.—Delegates, O. M. Ellis, W W. Galloway. Baptised 3; received 6; dismissed 1; members 42; fund $1. W. W. Galloway, clerk, Post Office Chocowinity, Beaufort county.

Christain's Delight—Not represented. Members about 18.

Post Oak Chapel—Not represented. Members about 39.

Martin Co.: *Christian Chapel*—Not represented. Members 82.

Macedonia—Not represented Members estimated 52.

Robinsonville—Delegates, H. D. Robinson, J. A B. Cooper. Members 43; fund $1. W. T. Outterbridge, clerk, Post Office Robinsonville, Martin co.

Poplar Chapel—By letter. Baptised 4; received 7; died 1; members 68; fund $1.

Zion's Grove—Delegates, James Williams, J. B Manning. Baptised 5; received 8; dismissed 37; excluded 2; died 1; members about 20; fund 50 cts Samuel Reason, clerk, Post Office Robinsonville, Martin county.

Manning's School House—Not represented Members about 67.

Onslow Co.: *Christian Prospect*—Delegate, H. S Alphin Baptised 1; received 3; excluded 3; died 1; members 65; fund 50 cts.

Union Chapel Mission—Members 16.

Craven Co.: *Kitt Swamp*—Delegates, A. Gaskins, H Gaskins. Baptised 11; received 12; members 67; fund $1. Silas Fulcher, clerk, Post Office New-Berne.

Alpha—Delegates, Wm. F. Lancaster, Elbert Phillips Baptised 1; received 1; died 2; members 28; fund 50 cts. W. C. Brewer, clerk, Post Office Swift Creek, Craven county.

(Now called VANCEBORO)

River Side—Delegates, J. B. Gardner, J. L. Murphy, Baptised 2; received 3; died 1; members 53; fund $2. W. B. Moye, clerk, Post Office Maple Cypress, Craven county.

Stony Branch—Not represented. Members 13.

New-Berne Mission—Members about 8

PAMLICO CO: *Broad Creek*—Delegates, B Holton, H. T. Dunn. Died 1; members 45; fund $1.

Bethany—Delegates failed to come. Members about 125. R. B. Hardison, clerk, Post Office New-Berne.

Bay Creek—By letter. Baptised 2; dismissed 1; died 1; members 59; fund 70 cts. John Mayo, clerk, Post Office Vandemere, Pamlico county.

Concord—Delegate, N Tetterton. Baptised 1; received 4; dismissed 1; members 36; fund $1. J. F. Brable, clerk, Post Office Jackson, Pamlico co.

Goose Creek—Not represented. Members 69.

Bethlehem—Delegates, A. Swindell, C. Davenport. Baptised 3; received 5; members 43; fund $1. B. H. Ipock, clerk, Post Office Jackson, Pamlico co.

WASHINGTON CO: *Long Acre*—Delegates, H. H. Bowen, C. B. Latham. Members 49; fund $1 H H Bowen, clerk, Post office Long Acre, Washington county.

Chapel Hill—Not represented. Members 45.

Free Chapel—No delegates. Baptised 27; received 4; excluded 2; died 1; members 132.

Phillippi—Not represented. Baptised 47; members 130.

Christian Hope—Delegate, A O. Gurganus. Baptised 3; members 160.

Zion's Chapel—By letter. Members 59; fund 50 cts. J D. Ambrose, clerk, Post Office Long Acre, Washington county.

Holly Neck—Not represented. Members 60.

HYDE CO.: *Clark's School House*—Not represented. Members 25.

Niel's Chapel—Not represented. Members 63

Swan Quarter—Not represented. Members about 30.

Middleton—Not represented Members estimated 100.

Springfield—Not represented Members about 63

JONES CO: *Deep Spring*—Delegate, J. B. Pollock. Members 39; fund $1. Z. T. Koonce, clerk, Post Office Trenton, Jones county.

Shady Grove—Delegates, B. Barnes, E G. Huggins. Baptised 1; received 1; excluded 7; members 46; fund $1.50. Jas E. Barnes, clerk, P. O. Kinston.

Tuckahoe—Delegates, Isaac Huffman, J. W. Huffman. Dismissed 4; excluded 3; members 90; fund $1.45. Z. Huffman, clerk, Post Office Comfort, Jones county.

Pleasant Hill—Delegates, David King, Gabriel Cox. Baptised 2; dismissed 3; excluded 2; died 1; members 134; fund $2. Isaac Brown, clerk, Post Office Tuckahoe, Jones county

White Oak—Not represented. Members about 49.

CARTERET CO: *Weir Creek*—Not represented. Members 18.

WILSON CO: *Wilson Church*—Delegate, J. H. Foy. Dismissed 4; excluded 2; members 23; fund $3.

Tyrrill Co.: *Albemarle*—Baptised 17; received 3; members 65. Edwin Walker, clerk, Post Office Columbia, Tyrrell county

Gum Neck—Not represented. Baptised 40; received 10; members 50. James Swain, clerk, Post Office Gum Neck, Tyrrell county..

Sound Side—Not represented. Baptised 15; received 5; members 20. Henry Hyman, clerk, Post Office Columbia, Tyrrell county.

Sharon--Not represented Baptised 15; received 5; members 65 W. W. Walker, clerk, Post Office Columbia, Tyrrell county.

Edgecombe Co: *Draughans*—Delegates, Wm. F. Draughan, H. L. Lyon. Baptised 1; members 20; fund $2.50. W. D. Pittman, clerk, Post Office Whitaker, Edgecombe county.

Battleboro—Not represented. Members 17.

Whitaker Mission—Members 15.

Tarboro Mission—Members 8

Nash Co,: *Red Oak Mission*—Members 8.

Madison Co: *Lee*—Not represented. Members 67.

Buncombe Co.: *Refuge*—Not represented. Members 30.

Bee *Tree*—Not represented. Members 30.

Ashville—Not represented. Members 15.

Davie Co: *Mocksville*--By letter. Members 35.

Surry Co.: *Mt. Airy*--Members 25.

Stokes Co.: Members 80.

Forsyth Co.: *Bethania*--Members about 150

Yadkin Co.: *Mt. Nebo*--Members 75.

Cumberland Co.: *Fayetteville Mission*—Members 37.

General Summary.

Baptised 300, Received 93 ;† Dismissed 47, Excluded 51, Died 23, Membership 6,047, Minute Fund $67.00, No. of Churches and Missions 93, No. of Preachers 44, Lord'sday Schools reported 10.

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† This item should never include any baptised, but only those received by letter, &c., just as those "dismissed" should include those dismissed by letters of commendation. Until this rule is strictly observed, our statistics never can be perfect. J. T. W.

On motion of bro. J. Latham, the Convention ordered the letter from Mt. Nebo Church, Yadkin Co., to be printed in the minutes.

Mt. Nebo, Yadkin Co., N. C.
First Lord'sday in Oct., 1877.

To the Disciples of North Carolina, in Convention at Salem, Pitt County:

Dear Brethren :—We regret that we cannot send a delegate to the Convention. In July, 1876, we organized with about 15 members. The result of the labors of brothers Poindexter and Stanly. Brother Kurfees held two meetings this summer, resulting in 15 or more accessions.

We have almost finished a new Church House. We meet every Lord'sday —Break the Loaf--Read the Scriptures—Contribute as in Apostolic times. In a word, we have no reason to envy any church in this country of our age and circumstances.

We will gladly do all we can to help keep an Evangelist in the field next year.

Inclosed find fifty cents for publishing the minutes of the Convention.

List of Preachers—V. A. Wilson, Silas Pecock, John Idle, Bethania, Forsyth county ; Jesse Brigs, Pate Laman, Mt. Ary, Surry county ; Alexander Wishon, Mt. Nebo, Yadkin county.

List of Disciples —Surry county about 25, Stokes 80, Forsyth 150, Yadkin 75, Davie 35.

The above list is not far from the true amount of Disciples in this county Done by order of the church at Mt. Nebo.

W. L. Jones, Clerk.

An Appeal to the Brotherhood.

New-Berne, N. C., Oct. 31st, 1877.

Dear Brethren and Sisters :

We have no building in this City in which to worship God, as a body of Christians. There are a few Disciple families here who will do all they can towards purchasing a house for Divine worship, but we have not enough of this world's goods to accomplish our *much needed* and *greatly desired* ends.

A favorable opportunity is now afforded of buying a suitable building and lot in the central part of the city, for our purpose, at a nominal sum, $1,000. The lower room is large enough to accommodate several hundred persons. *We want your help to purchase this building.*

Our preachers are *waiting* for the accomplishment of this purpose, and are ever *ready* and *willing* to render all the help they can to "preach the Word" in its purity. *Let them have a house in which to labor.*

Will 20 persons give us $50 each? Or, will 40 give $25 each? Or, 80 $12.50 each? *We must have help.* Give as the Lord has prospered you, and He will repay each one an hundred fold.

All funds for this purpose, sent to me, will be held in sacred trust, and placed in Bank until the desired amount is raised.

Let every Disciple of Christ, North, South, East and West, respond to this appeal *without delay.*

Your Brother in Christ,

N. S. Richardson.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH
Of Elder Edward Kernan Statzer.

BY DR. H. D. HARPER.

The outlines, at least, of every life that has been spent in toil and sacrifice for the good of others, deserves a place in our memory, and to be transmitted to future generations for their encouragement.

Brother E. K. Statzer was born in Abingdon. Va., September 15th, 1839, but was brought up in Russell County eighteen miles from the place of his birth.

His parents, who were zealous Methodists, had him sprinkled in infancy, and while young, he manifested a desire to be useful in the work of the Lord; and having imbibed the doctrine of Methodism, at an early age he became a member of that denomination, where he soon manifested that spirit of perseverance, and self-denial which seemed to be present in every act of his after life.

In 1861, when the first war notes were sounded throughout the Old Dominion, he volunteered his services in defense of the home of his mother, but on account of physical disability, he was put on light duty in the City of Richmond, as clerk in the Quartermaster's Department.

In 1862, becoming dissatisfied with the tenets of Methodism, he united with the Missionary Baptist, and was immersed by the Rev. Dr. Burrows, then of Richmond.

On the 20th of January, 1864, he was united in marriage to Miss Esther Braddy, of Fayetteville, N. C., Rev. Leander Keer officiating,

His wife had been a Methodist about five years. but soon joined the Baptist with her husband, believing that all religious parties were doing good.

At the close of the war, in 1865, they returned to his father's in Russell County, where his wife first met a congregation of Disciples, and on their first interview with brother J. C. Campbell, who was preaching for the church at that place, her mind was forcibly impressed with the simplicity of the Gospel as preached by the Disciples, and in her own language, she had at last "found one Christian who took the Bible in its native simplicity as it was," reading, investigation and discussion ensued, and bro. Statzer, also, soon saw new beauty in the Word of God.

Their friends and relatives sought to divert their attention from the new, and supposed dangerous doctrine; but in this they were not successful. Having made up their minds, coolly and deliberately, husband and wife together, resolved to acknowledge nothing as an authoritative document in matters of religion, but the Bible alone, and to follow its teaching in all things.

Accordingly, in September, 1866, they united with the Church of Christ at some point in Washington County, Va., under the ministry of Samuel Millard, but took membership at Oak Grove, Russell county, where he was soon appointed to fill the office of Elder.

In September, 1869, he removed to Taylorsville, Tennessee; and on the 14th of May, 1870, was ordained to the work of the ministry, by J. C. Campbell, Thomas J. Crosswhite, and John W. Mink.

In January 1871, he started on a teaching and preaching tour in Tennessee and North Carolina, which lasted some months, after which he returned to his home in Virginia.

In March, 1872, he removed to Battleboro, N. C., where he remained. however, only until June, when he removed to Fayetteville, N. C., where he devoted the remainder of his life to the ministry among the poor. This was a very uninviting field, and it required excessive and tedious labor to make an impression; and having at the same time to labor for means to sustain his family, it was all the more burdensome. Like other men, he did not have the foresight of a prophet, and like other men, made some mistakes.

His ministry was full of hardships and many disappointments, but his unyielding spirit would not allow him the recreation necessary to health, hence his speedy decline in health, and premature death.

He had succeeded in organizing a congregation of about 72 members in Fayetteville, but when he became unable to "feed the flock," many of them went astray.

The writer visited him during his last illness, and though he suffered long with that dread disease, consumption, yet, his fortitude, meekness and submission, plainly bespoke what manner of man he was, and told that all was well! On the 30th day of March, 1875, in the 36th year of his age, in the arms of Jesus he calmly closed his eyes in that sleep which is sweet only to the Christian.

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KINSTON COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE,

For Males and Females.

[Chartered by Act of General Assembly.]

The annual session of 1877-'78 opened on Monday Sept. 3rd, 1877 and will continue forty weeks.

INSTRUCTORS.

RICHARD H. LEWIS, A. M.	Principal,
ELD. C. W. HOWARD. MRS. R. H. LEWIS.	Assistants.
MRS. ANNA L. DAVIS,	Vocal and Instrumental Music.

DR. LEWIS is a graduate of the University of N. C., (1852,) and has had an experience of twelve years in conducting Academies, [male and female.]

MRS. R. H. LEWIS has had an experience of nine years in teaching.

MR. HOWARD is well and favorably known throughout the section of country around Kinston as a gentleman, who gave complete satisfaction as a teacher in the Institute during the last scholastic year.

MRS. DAVIS has for several years been a most successful teacher of Vocal and Instrumental music; and parents may be assured that their daughters will receive thorough instruction in this most pleasing and delightful science.

COURSE OF STUDY, &c.

It is the aim of the Trustees and Instructors of the Institute to furnish to the sons and daughters of Lenoir and surrounding counties the means of acquiring a good, sound, practical education. The English language and Literature will receive special attention. Mathematics, in all the branches of it usually taught in such institutions, will receive due care. The full preparatory Classical course in Latin, Greek and Ancient History will be taught those wishing to enter Colleges, or pupils may continue the College course here.

A course in French is also prepared for those desiring to pursue the study.

Classes will be formed in Natural Science, Mental and Moral Philosophy, Anatomy, Physiology and Hygiene.

The little folks of the Primary Department will receive close attention.

Text Books and Stationery will be furnished pupils here at publisher's prices.

TERMS:

[Half cash in advance,] Per session of twenty weeks:

Primary Department,	$10.00.
Preparatory,	12.00.
Advanced English,	18.00.
Classical	25.00.
Vocal and Instrumental Music,	20.00.
Contingent fee	75.
Board per month, exclusive of lights, fuel and washing	10.00.

☞ Reports will be sent out monthly.

☞ Pupils charged from time of entrance to close of session. No deduction except in cases of protracted illness. It is very desirable that pupils should enter the school as near the beginning as possible.

Kinston, N. C. O. tf.

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MINUTES

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OF THE

Disciples of Christ

IN NORTH CAROLINA,

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Robinsonville, Martin Co., N. C.

OCTOBER 10, 11, and 12, 1878.

NEWBERN, N. C.
N. S. RICHARDSON, BOOK, CARD AND JOB PRINTER,
1878.

PROCEEDINGS.

The ministers and messengers composing the Annual Conference of the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina, met at Robinsonville, Martin County, N. C., on Thursday, Oct. 10th, 1878.

In accordance with the appointment of last Conference, bro. Jesse T. Davis preached the Introductory Sermon, from 1st Cor. III: 10, 11.

The original Moderator, Dr. H. D. Harper, appointed the following brethren on organization, viz:

H. D. Robinson, G. F. Flynn and J. B. Taylor.

They reported for Moderator, H. D. Harper, Assistant, J. T. Davis; for Clerk, H. C. Bowen; Assistant, James L. Winfield. The report was received and adopted.

After taking the chair, the Moderator appointed the following Committees, viz: On preaching: H. D. Robinson, J. B. Taylor, C. W. Swain. On report of Churches: W. R. Williams, J. C. C. Jenkins, P. H. Johnson. On Finance: J. G. Gurganus, A. C. Hart, W. H. Lewis. On Lord'sday Schools: Isaac Chestnutt, J. V. Harper, Henry Winfield.

On motion, the Conference took a recess of one hour.

After refreshments the Conference re-assembled, and the Moderator proceeded to call the roll of churches.

During the calling of churches, the Committee on preaching reported as follows:

For preaching to-night, Henry S. Gurganus; to-morrow, (Friday,) in the forenoon, J. G. Gurganus; in the afternoon, J. L. Burns.

At 3½ o'clock there was a motion to adjourn, which was lost.

After calling several churches, the Conference adjourned to meet to-morrow, (Friday,) at 9 o'clock, a. m. Benediction by Dr. Walsh.

FRIDAY, Oct. 11th, 1878.

Conference met at the appointed hour, and was led in praise and prayer by Eld. Josephus Latham and J. G. Gurganus.

By the kindness of the Grangers, we were allowed the use of their Hall for doing Conference business, to which we retired at once, on account of preaching in the church.

Calling list of churches was again taken up.

While calling list of churches, the Moderator appointed the following committee, to investigate the standing of our preachers, viz:

S. B. Taylor, H. D. Robinson, Jas. W. Draughan, R. T. Hodges, Levi Jackson, Jr.

After calling the roll of churches was completed, the following new churches were enrolled by vote of the Conference:

Oak Grove, Surry county, N. C.; Saulsberry's, Martin county, N. C.; Union Chapel, Onslow county, N. C.; Church of Christ, Vanceboro, Craven county, N. C.; Church of Christ, Grange Hall, Craven county, N. C.

The list of preachers was next called.

On motion of Dr. Walsh, Eld. Isaac P. Holton was appointed to write the obituary of Eld. Thos. H. Bowen.

On motion, the Conference adjourned for three quarters of an hour, to get dinner.

After dinner the Conference met in the church, and after singing "Nearer my God to Thee," Eld. J. Latham proceeded to read the obituary of bro. Milton F. Jarvis, and then that of Eld. Jno. M. Gurganus, which caused many tears.

These were followed by that of Eld. L. D. Summerlin, by Eld. J. J. Harper, which was heard with interest.

On motion, the Biographies were received and ordered to be printed as a part of the minutes.

The place of holding the next Conference was taken up. Petitions were presented by Kinston, Hookerton, Antioch and Corinth churches. Kinston received the majority.

On motion, Eld. Josephus Latham was appointed to preach the Introductory, and James L. Winfield his alternate.

At this point bro. J. L. Windfield offered the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be tendered Gen. Bryant Grimes for his liberality, extended to our preachers and delegates, in passing over the Washington toll bridge.

Dr. H. D. Harper presented a series of resolutions in regard to missionary work by the Conference. They were discussed by him and several others at considerable length.

A Resolution to Convert the Conference into a Missionary Meeting.

WHEREAS: The Annual Meeting of the Disciples of Christ in N. C. is productive of but little good in the furtherance of the cause of Christ as it is now conducted. And

WHEREAS: There is a useless expenditure of the Lord's money in the present practice of printing, and distributing the proceedings of the meeting, with but little good resulting. Therefore be it

1. *Resolved*, That we convert the Annual Meeting of the Disciples in N. C. into a Missionary Meeting, in practice and in fact; and that the contributions from the churches to the Minute Fund, shall be used to sustain a State Evangelist.

2. *Resolved*. That instead of publishing the proceedings, and sending them to the *churches*, that they be published in the State papers, and sent out to the world.

3. *Resolved*, That all the congregations be earnestly solicited to contribute far more liberaly than they have been doing heretofore, (to the Minute Fund,) for Missionary work, and that all the preachers be requested to present the claims of this Missionary cause, and take up public collections quarterly for this object.

4th. *Resolved*, That the Moderator of this Conference shall hold his office until a new election is had at the next Annual Meeting.

5th. *Resolved*, That the Moderator have the appointment of the Secretary and Treasurer.

6th. *Resolved*, That the Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer shall constitute a Board of Managers for the transaction of business between the Annual Meetings of this body, and that they be required to report their proceedings to each Annual Meeting the next ensuing

7th. *Resolved*; That each Canference, on the report of a committee, appointed for that purpose, shall secure the services of an Evangelist for the general field; and that the Board of Managers have the power to supply his place in case of death, resignation, or unchristian conduct.

It was moved that a committee of five be appointed to take the resolutions in hand. The Moderator appointed W. R. Williams, J. V. Harper, T. M. Stevens, P. H. Johnson and Jordan Wilkinson.

The Committee on Preaching reported H. C. Bowen to preach to-night, bro. J. L. Burns to-morrow, (Saturday,) in the forenoon, and bro. Issac Chestnutt in the afternoon.

On motion, the Conference adjourned till to-morrow, at 9 o'clock, a. m. Benediction by bro. Henry Winfield.

SATURDAY, Oct. 12th, 1878.

Conference met at the appointed hour. The opening service was conducted by Eld. J. J. Coltrain.

The committee to whom was referred the resolutions of last evening, submitted the following resolution as a substitute:

Report of Committee on Dr. Harper's Resolutions.

Bro. Moderator:

We, the committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of yesterday evening, beg leave to report the following as a substitute: That,

WHEREAS, It is plainly evident that the cause of Christ is languishing, from paathy and the great want of Missionery zeal; therefore be it

Resolved, That the congregations be requested to contribute liberally at the next Annual Conference for State evangelizing purposes, and that our preaching brethren be requested to earnestly impress its great importance, whilst visiting the brethren, as a duty which should not be willingly neglected.

W. R. WILLIAMS,
P. H. JOHNSON,
J V. HARPER, } Com.
T. M. STEVENS,
JORDAN WILKINSON,

Bro. Henry Winfield moved that the resolution be received and adopted. It was discussed by Dr. J. T. Walsh and Eld. Josephus Latham, and carried by a large majority.

On motion, the following churches were enrolled on the list:

Union Hill, White Sulphur Springs and also Jefferson Mission.

The Committee on Preachers handed in their report, which was read. The committee was discharged without adopting the report.

The Committee on Lord'sday Schools submitted their reported, which was read and accepted.

Report on Lord'sday Schools.

Bro. Moderator:

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of Lord'day Schools, submit the following report:

Kinston, Lenoir co., 30 pupils, 8 teachers. Rountree's Pitt co., 20 pupils, 3 teachers. Mt. Pleasant, Pitt co., 21 pupils, 3 teachers. Mill Creek, Johnston co., 100 volumes, value $25, 120 pupils, 10 teachers, Wilson's Mill, Johnston co., 25 pupils, 3 teachers. Bethel, Lenoir co., 30 pupils, 5 teachers. Christian Prospect, Onslow co., 30 pupils, 4 teachers. Union Chapel, Onslow co., 43 pupils, 5 teachers. Kitt Swamp, Craven co., 50 volumes, 40 pupils, 8 teachers. Goose Creek, Pamlico co., 50 pupils, 5 teachers. Bethlehem, Pamlico co., 30 pupils, 4 teachers. Middleton, Hyde co., 40 volumes, 25 pupils, 5 teachers. (12)

We respectfully recommend to this Convention, the importance of urging upon our preachers the necessity of taking this matter in hand, organise schools where there are none, and report at our next meeting.

ISAAC CHESTNUTT,
J. V. HARPER, Com.
HENRY WINFIELD.

Eld. J. Latham moved that Dr. Walsh transcribe the minutes of the Conference, and that he be allowed $15 for his services. Carried.

At this point Dr. Walsh offered the following:

Resolved, That we print one thousand, (1,000,) copies of the minutes, and, after paying the expenses of transcribing, printing and mailing, the rest of the funds on hand be used for evangelizing purposes, and that the amount be handed over to the Sisters' Mission, to aid them in sending a preacher to any section they may select. Adopted.

Committee on Finance submitted their report, as follows:

REPORT.

The Committee on Finance report the minute fund of last year being all expended, we have only the contributions of this year to report on hand, namely, $87.34, eighty-seven dollars and thirty-four cents.

J. G. GURGANUS,
A. C. HART, Com.
W. H. LEWIS.

On motion, the Conference adjourned for ¾ of an hour for dinner.

After dinner the Conference met in the church, and after singing a hymn, Dr. Walsh presented the claims of our New-Berne brethren, for aid in building a house in which to worship. Collection $14.37.

On motion of Dr. Walsh, the name of D. A. Williams was dropped from the roll of preachers, for unchristian conduct, as reported by the Committee on Preachers.

On motion of bro. J. L. Burns, the name of Curtis Heath, after considerable discussion, was dropped, for incompetency, from list of preachers.

On motion, the names of brethren Jos. W. Stevenson, L. J. Terry, R. T. Sanders, P. T. Lehman, Silas Peacock, John Idol and Richard Ponidexter, were entered on the list of preachers.

On motion, the name of bro. Augustus Latham was re-entered on the list of preachers.

On motion, the name of bro. T. W. Phillips was entered upon the list of preachers.

On motion, the name of bro. Geo. W. Jackson, Jr., be entered upon the list of preachers.

On motion of J. J. Woodley, the thanks of this Conference are tendered to the citizens of Robinsonville and surrounding country for their hospitality.

On motion of J. L. Burns, a public collection be taken up for the benefit of the yellow fever sufferers in the South, and that the collection taken up shall be divided between Jackson and Vicksburg, Miss. Collection, $13.50.

Committee on Preaching report as follows: To-night, Dr. Walsh, to-morrow, (Sunday,) in the church, Dr. Walsh, at the stand, Jas. L. Winfield.

On motion, the Conference tender its thanks to the Moderator, Clerks and other officers.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to meet at Kinston, Lenoir county, on Thursday before the second Lord'sday in October, 1879.

H. D. HARPER, *Moderator.*

H. C. BOWEN, *Clerk.*

Roll of Churches. 1878.

BEAUFORT CO: *Union Chapel*—Delegates, J. W. Latham, Hayward Bateman. Members 130; baptised 6; received 2; died 1. G. W. Oden, Clerk. Post Office, Bath, Beaufort county.

Union Chapel, Jr.—Delegate, W. W. Galloway. Members 42; baptised 1; received 5; dismissed 5; excluded 3; contribution $1 50. W. W. Galloway, clerk, Chocowinity, Beaufort county.

Trinity—Delegate. S. B. Latham. Members 31; died 1; received 2; baptised 2; contribution 75 cents. S. B. Latham, clerk, Washington, Beaufort county.

Head of Pango—Represented by letter. Members 39; baptised 7; received 6; contribution $1. Daniel Allen, clerk. Pantego, Beaufort county.

Beaver Dam—By letter. Members 182; baptised 10; died 1; contribution 75 cents.

Tranter's Creek—Not represented. Members about 53.

Old Ford—Delegates, W. S Cherry, Henry Cherry. Member 248; baptised 2; died 2; contribution $1.50

White Hill—Not represented. Members about 45.

Blount's Creek—Not represented. Members 9

Pantego—Delegates, P. H. Johnson, Jordan Wilkinson, B. B. Wilkinson. Members 159; received 1; dismissed 3; died 1; expelled 7; contribution $2.00. Jordan Wilkinson, clerk, Pantego.

Post Oak Chapel—Not represented. Members about 30. Henry Robinson, clerk, Pantego, Beaufort county.

Juniper Chapel—Not represented. Members about 41

BUNCOMBE CO: *Refuge*—Not represented. Members about 30.

Bee Tree—Not represented. Members about 30.

Asheville—Not represented. Members about 15.

CRAVEN CO: *Kitt Swamp*—Delegate, A C Jackson. Members 76; baptised 11; received 13; dismissed 4; died 2; contribution $1 Noah S. Fulcher, clerk, New-Berne.

Alpha—Not represented. Members 28.

River Side—Baptised 9; received 2; members 62; delegates. J. L. Gaskin, E. F. May, L. J. Chapman; contribution $2. W. B. Moye, clerk, Maple Cypress, Craven county.

New-Berne Mission—Members about 8.

Vanceboro—(New church,) by letter. Members 28; contribution 50 cents Thos. Williams, clerk, Swift Creek, P. O.

Grange Hall—(New church,) by letter. Members 18; contribution $1. C. H. Rhem, clerk, New-Berne, N. C.

DAVIE CO: *Mocksville*—Not represented. Members 35.

FORSYTH CO: *Pfofftown*—Letter, by S. A. Miller. Members estimated at about 150. Bethania P. O.

CARTERET CO: *Wier Creek*—Not represented. Members about 18.

EDGECOMBE CO: *Draughan's Chapel*—Delegates, J. W. Draughan, E. Armstrong. Members 28; baptised 8; received 1; dismissed 3; contribution $2. H. L. Lyon, clerk, Whitakers, N. C.

Battleboro—Not represented. Members 18.

Tarboro Mission—Members 8.

GREENE CO: *Hookerton*—Delegate, J. B. Taylor. Members 128; received

2; excluded 6; dismissed 2; contribution $5. F. W. Dixon, clerk, Snow Hill Post Office.

Eden—By letter. Members 76; baptised 11; received 6; dismissed 1; died 1, contribution $1.50. Wm. Frazier, clerk, Snow Hill.

Resort Mission—Members 7.

HYDE CO: *Clark's School House*—Not represented. Members 25.

Neil's Chapel—Not represented. Members 63.

Swan Quarter—Not represented. Members 30.

Middleton—By letter. Members 108; baptised 2. G. W. Silverthorne, clerk, Middleton P. O.

Springfield—Not represented. Members 63.

JONES CO: *Deep Spring*—By letter. Members 41; baptised 3; received 1; contribution 50 cents. Z. T. Koonce, clerk, Trenton P. O.

Shady Grove—Not represented. Members 46.

Tuckahoe—Not represented. Contribution $1.60; members 90,

Pleasant Hill—By letter. Members 132; baptised 1; dismissed 3; contribution $2.

White Oak—Not represented. Members 49.

JOHNSTON CO: *Mill Creek*—Delegate, J. V. Harper. Members 224; baptised 1; excluded 3; died 1; contribution $3. S. D. Thornton, clerk, Newton Grove, Sampson county.

Wilson's Mills—By letter. Baptised 5; members 34; received 1; contribution $3. J. W. Vincent, clerk, Wilson's Mills P. O., Johnston county.

LENOIR CO: *Wheat Swamp*—Members 143; received 3; contribution $5. Delegate, J. T. Walsh; E L. Sutton, clerk, Kinston, N. C.

Kinston—By letter. Members 78; baptised 1; received 5; expelled 1; contribution $2.50, N. D Myers, clerk, Kinston, N. C.

Bethel—By letter Members 92; baptised 3; received 2; dismissed 3; contribution $2.25.

South West—Not represented. Members about 10.

Briery Swamp—By letter Members 40; baptised 4; received 5; died 1; contribution $1. Thos. Ward, clerk, Kinston.

MARTIN CO: *Christian Chapel*—Delegate, J. R. Roebuck. Members 85 baptised 3; contribution $1.50 W. H. Wilson, clerk, Williamston, Martin county.

Macedonia—Delegates, J. H. Woolard, I E Peel. Members 49: baptised 4; received 1; contribution $1 J. Edwin Peel, clerk. Williamston

Robinsonville—Delegates, H. D Robinson, J. N. Manning, J. H. Grimes Members 40; baptised 11; dismissed 12; expelled 2; contribution $1.50. W. T. Outterbridge, clerk, Robinsonville.

Poplar Chapel—Delegate, Ashly Davis. Members 60; received 1; dismissed 4; contribution $1. H. H. Davis, clerk, Jamesville, Martin county.

Zion's Grove—Delegates, Samuel Reason, J. H. Glisson, J. B. Manning. Members 25; contribution 50 cents. Samuel Reason, clerk, Robinsonville.

Manning's School House—By letter. Members 40; baptised 2; died 1. Name of clerk and Post Office not known.

Saulsberry—Delegate, J. A. B. Cooper. Members 20; contribution $1.

NASH CO: *Red Oak Mission*—Members 7; baptised 1.

ONSLOW CO: *Christian Prospect*—By letter. Members 65; died 2; received

1; dismissed 2; contribution $1. Wm. Basden, clerk, Richlands, Onslow county.

Union Chapel—Delegates, S. B. Taylor, G. H. Simmons Members 57; baptised 12; received 1; died 1; contribution $2. L. E. Duffy, clerk, Catharine Lake P. O.

Pitt Co: *Antioch*—Delegate, W. R Williams. Members 90; excluded 2; contribution $3. G. W. Barrett, clerk, Farmville.

Berea—Delegates, P. A Nichols, W. Tyson Members 21; received 1; contribution 50 cents. J. J. May, clerk, Greenville, P. O.

Salem—Delegates, T. Bland, J. Holton, F. M. Kilpatrick Members 98; baptised 5 ; dismissed 1; died 1; contribution $3. Calvin Stokes, clerk, Johnson's Mills P. O.

Corinth—By letter. Members 49; received 1; contribution $3. E. A. Moye, clerk, Farmville P. O.

Timothy Chapel—Delegate, Isaac Moore. Members 56; contribution $2; received 8; dismissed 1; died 1; baptised 6. Amariah Gardner, clerk, Johnson's Mills P. O.

Rountree's—Delegate, J. C. O. Jenkins. Members 48; baptised 1; excluded 2. Caleb Cannon, clerk, Ridge Spring P. O

Oak Grove—Delegates, W. A. Robinson, S H. Taylor Members 91; baptised 8; received 2; excluded 1; contribution $3. Irvin N. Keel, clerk, Robinsonville,

Mount Pleasant—Delegates, James Harris, F Ward, Wilie Stancill Members 81; baptised 1; died 2; contribution $2. J. L. Smith, clerk. Greenville P. O.

Rockingham Co: *Madison*—Not represented. Members about 67.

Sampson Co: *Pleasant Union*—By letter. Members 105; contribution $1.50. B. Hill, clerk, Newton Grove, Sampson county.

Six Run's Chapel—Delegates, P. M. Stevens, R. J. Powell. Members 104; baptised 9; received 11; excluded 12; died 3; contribution $1.75. W. R Weeks, clerk, Bennett's X Roads P. O.

Tyrrill Co: *Albemarle*—Not represented. Members 74; baptised 8; received 1. Edwin Walker, clerk. Scuppernong P O. Washington county.

Gum Neck—Not represented Members 56; baptised 6; received 1; died 1. James Swain, clerk, Gum Neck, Tyrrill county

Sound Side—Not represented. Members 20. Henry Hyman, clerk, Columbia Post Office.

Sharon—Not represented. Members 66. W. W Walker, clerk, Columbia.

Washington Co: *Long Acre Chapel*—Delegates, H H. Bowen, H. C. Bowen. Members 59; baptised 6; contribution $1. H. H. Bowen, clerk, Plymouth Post Office.

Saints Delight—Delegates, C. W. Swain, G. W. Allan. Members 71; baptised 14; received 2; contribution $1.25. Edward Swain, clerk, Plymouth P. O.

Chapel Hill—Delegate, W. J. Everett. Members 42; died 1; expelled 1. W. D. Cooper, clerk, Plymouth P. O. Contribution 50 cents.

Free Chapel—Delegate, W. D. Hafield. Members 129; received 5; died 1; dismissed 2; contribution 50 cents. T. J. Basnight, clerk, Scuppernong P. O.

Phillippi—Delegates, J. J. Woodly, J. S. Phelps. Members 185; baptised 32; died 3; received 5; contribution $1 50. C. N. Mason, clerk, Creswell P. O.

Christian Hope—Delegates, Jas. R. Sullivan, L. Jackson Members 122; received 4; baptised 13; expelled 7; died 3; contribution $1.50. S. L. Jackson, clerk, Plymouth P. O.

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Zion's Chapel—By letter. Members 64; baptised 5; received 1; contribution 50 cents. J. D. Ambrose, clerk. No Post Office given.

Holly Neck—Not represented Members about 60.

WAYNE CO: *Goldsboro Mission*—Members 6.

Eureka—Delegate, E. H. Grantham. Members 182; baptised 21; died 2; excluded 5; received 2; contribution $1.55. Erastus Godwin, clerk, Dudly P. O., N. C.

WILSON CO: *Wilson*—By letter. Members 22. R. W. King, clerk, Wilson Post Office. Contribution $2.

PAMLICO CO: *Pamlico Chapel*—Not represented. Members 37.

Broad Creek—Not represented. Members 45. Barzillai Holton, clerk, New-Berne, P. O.

Bethany—By letter. Members 110; dismissed 3; died 4; contribution $2. R. B. Hardison, clerk, Beard's Creek P. O

Bay Creek—Not represented. Members 59. John Mayo, clerk, Vandemere Post Office

Concord—By letter, Members 49; baptised 7; received 13; contribution 50 cents John T Brabble, clerk, Stonewall P O.

Goose Creek—By letter. Members 55; dismissed 3; contribution $1. T D Holton, clerk, Grantsboro P O.

Bethlehem—Delegates, W H Lewis, Jr, Levi Wooten. Members 54; baptised 10; received 13; contribution $1,65 B H Ipock, clerk, Stonewall P O.

SURRY CO: *Stony Creek*—By Letter. Members 26. W M Brinkley, clerk, Flat Shoals P O.

Sulphur Springs—Members 30; baptised 5; contribution 50 cents. J J Stone, clerk, Daltons P O, Stokes county.

STOKES CO: *Union Hill*—By letter. Members 24; contribution 50 cents. G W Carral, clerk, Wilson's Store P. O.

Jefferson Mission—By letter. contribution 50 cents. S A Miller, clerk, Bethania, Forsyth county.

YADKIN CO: *Mt. Nebo*—by letter. Members 60. L W Jones, clerk. Contribution 50 cents Mt Nebo P. O.

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Report of Committee on Churches.

Bro. Moderator:

We are glad to be able to say that the reports from churches show encouraging prosperity has attended our efforts during the past year. We report the addition of twelve new congregations, with an aggregate of 240 members. Number baptised, 278. Received from denominations, 88. Died, 36. Expelled, 50. Total membership reported, 5,728.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. R. WILLIAMS,
J. C. C. JENKINS, } Com.
P. H. JOHNSON.

List of Preachers with their Post Office Address, in Alphabetical Order.

Names of Preachers.	Post Offices.			
GIDEON ALLEN,	Marlboro,	Pitt	county,	N C.
STANLY AYERS,	Williamston,	Martin	"	"
J. L. BURNS,	Tarboro,	Edgecombe	"	"
H. C. BOWEN,	Plymouth,	Washington	"	"
HENRY D. CASON,	Engelhard,	Hyde	"	"
J. J. COLTRAIN,	Jamesville,	Martin	"	"
W H. COBB,	Whitakers,	Edgecombe	"	"
ISAAC CHESTNUTT,	Maple Cypress,	Craven	"	"
HENRY O. CUTLER,	Washington,	Beaufort	"	"
S. L. DAVIS,	Burgess' Mills,	Hyde	"	"
W. M. DAVIS,	Plymouth,	Washington	"	"
J T. DAVIS,	Hookerton,	Greene	"	"
J. H. FOY,	Farmville,	Pitt	"	"
J. G. GURGANUS,	Plymouth,	Washington	"	"
HENRY S. GURGANUS,	Long Ridge	"	"	"
JNO. W. GURGANUS,	"	"	"	"
PETER E. HINES,	Wilson,	Wilson	"	"
J. S. HENDERSON,	Middleton,	Hyde	"	"
J. W. HARDISON,	Jamesville,	Martin	"	"
ISAAC P. HOLTON,	Grantsboro,	Pamlico	"	"
J. W. P. HOLTON,	"	"	"	"
A. J. HOLTON,	New-Berne,	Craven	"	"
J. J. HARPER,	Smithfield,	Johnston	"	"
N. B. HOOD,	Harpers,	"	"	"
DR. H. D. HARPER,	Snow Hill,	Greene	"	"
C. W. HOWARD,	Kinston,	Lenoir	"	"
A. C. HART,	Hookerton,	Greene	"	"
JOHN IDOL, (1878,)	Bethania,	Forsyth	"	"
IRVIN JONES,	Hookerton,	Greene	"	"
GEO. JOYNER,	Marlboro,	Pitt	"	"
GEO W. JACKSON, (1878,)	Long Ridge,	Washington	"	"
JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Greenville,	Pitt	"	"
AUGUSTUS LATHAM,	Pantego,	Beaufort	"	"
P. T. LEHMAN, (1878,)	Mt. Airy,	Surry	"	"
D. H. MILLER,	Goldsboro,	Wayne	"	"
JOHN NEWBERRY,	Scuppernong,	Washington	"	"
SILAS PEACOCK, (1878,]	Bethania,	Forsyth	"	"
RICHARD POINDEXTER, (1878)	Mt. Nebo.	Yadkin	"	"
T. W. PHILLIPS,	Pantego,	Beaufort	"	"
T. ROEBUCK,	Williamston,	Martin	"	"
R. W. STANCILL,	Mt. Airy,	Surry	"	"
E. L. SOWERS,	Kinston,	Lenoir	"	"
JOS. W. STEVENSON, [1878,]	Wilson's Store,	Stokes	"	"
R. T. SANDERS, [1878.]	P. O. not known.			
R J. TAYLOR,	Wilson,	Wilson	"	"
L. J. TERRY, [1878,]	P. O. not known.			
JNO. R. WINFIELD,	Pantego,	Beaufort	"	"
HENRY WINFIELD,	Robinsonville,	Martin	"	"
J. L. WINFIELD,	Swift Creek,	Craven	"	"
DR. J. T. WALSH,	Kinston,	Lenoir	"	"
A. C. WENTZ,	Lee's Mills,	Washington,	"	"
THOS. W. WHITLEY,	Washington,	Beaufort	"	"

IN MEMORIAM.

Biographical Sketch of Lemuel David Sumerlin.

BY J. J. HARPER.

If the success or failure, in high and holy attainments, ot each succeeding generation, is largely attributable to the conduct of the generation which preceded it. then the ennobling deeds of the wise and good should be carefully embalmed, and faithfully transmitted for the benefit of those who are to come after them.

The subject of this brief notice was born in Duplin County, North Carolina, on the 27th of March, A. D. 1845. His parents, Jesse and Margaret Sumerlin, some years afterwards, moved to Wayne County, and settled on a farm, where they now reside. They soon became faithful followers of the Lord themselves, and encouraged their children to do so. They were in humble circumstances, and often found their energies severely taxed, and their resources heavily drawn upon to meet the current necessities of their large family. Under these circumstances, brother "Lem," as he was familiary called, found it necessary to rely mostly upon the proceeds of his own industry while in pursuit of knowledge. In order the better to accomplish this, after remaining and laboring with his father on the farm, until he attained his majority, he attended school and engaged in teaching alternately; and by rigid economy, and incessant application he obtained a good English education, with a fair knowledge of the Latin.

When about twenty-two years of age, under the efficient ministry of brother Josephus Latham, he became concerned about the future welfare of his soul, and being convinced that the Gospel, as preached by the Disciples, was the Gospel of the Son of God, he yielded to its demands, and was baptized into Christ by brother Latham.

He was very observant of men and things, and immediately on becoming a christian, he noticed the great divergence from the divine line, of many so-called christians, and, also, the world's great need of the Gospel in its original purity, divested of all human appendages. This enkindled in his heart a desire to raise a warning voice against sin, and to point the world to that Saviour whom he had accepted, and in whom he had found peace through obedience.

The congregation at Mill Creek, of which he was a member, being satisfied of his moral worth and christian faithfulness, and, also, of his knowledge of the plan of salvation, and promise of usefulness to the cause of Christ, ordered that he should be ordained to the work of the ministry, which was done in October, 1869, the writer and the elders of the church officiating His first sermon had been preached in August, of that year, which was the beginning of a brief but useful ministry.

His discourses were generally short, well arranged, and argumentative, rather than hortatory. He copied in a book kept for the purpose, an outline or skeleton of al lhis discourses, together with the date and place where they were preached, the number baptized, and many other items of interest worth preserving.

He had a clear, vigorous and well-balanced intellect, and had his physical endowments been equal with his mental, he could have become a tower of strength in the gospel field. But, having a weak, nervous system, his incessant mental application, while engaged in teaching and preaching, made rapid inroads upon his health, and finally, prevented the realization of his fondest dreams,

He was married March 18th, 1875, to Miss Emma Etta Bryan, of Sampson county, who, with one child, a little daughter, survive him to mourn the loss of an affectionate husband and tender father.

On the third Lord'sday in April, 1875, he preached at his regular appointment, at Eureka, in Wayne County, and then rode home, several miles, facing a cold, piercing wind, from which he contracted a deep cold, which settled on his lungs, and rapidly developed in consumption, from which he suffered a little over two years, when death came to his relief. The attack was very severe and unyielding, so much so that he said to the writer, on one occasion, that he never had entertained any real hope of recovery.

He was a strong believer in the divine origin of the contents of the Bible, and hence his abundant resource of consolation in the immediate prospect of death. On a fly-leaf of his Bible, written in his own hand, we found these words:

"Read with care,
Study with prayer—
'Twill thy heart console,
And save thy soul."

A few days before his death, in conversation on the subject, he said to the writer, "I am not afraid to go; I have tried to do my duty. I can willingly leave every thing but my wife and babe." Here the thought of his young wife and infant daughter, both of whom he tenderly loved, moved him to tears; but, suppressing his feelings, he added "the Lord will take care of them," and seemed to feel resigned.

He died calmly and peacefully, at his father's house, in Wayne County, on the 26th of April, 1877. His mind was unclouded, and his faith and hope strong and brilliant to the last moment. He has doubtless realized all. His faith is no more faith; it is lost in sight. His hope is no longer hope; it has changed to realization. His work is done. He rests from his labors while his works follow him.

Biographical Sketch of Eld. John M. Gurganus.

BY JOSEPHUS LATHAM.

The grave has received another of earth's bright jewels. in the person of Elder John M. Gurganus, who stood the storms of many winters, but like the majestic oak of the forest, is now felled by the hand of death. In early life he manifested great veneration for his Creator, and as might have been expected, he cast his lot with the people of God, and like all pure christians, his soul longed for the salvation of sinners—to see others in the service of Him in whom we live and move and have our being; and though he never had the opportunity of procuring a good education, yet, he determined to do what he could for the cause of his Redeemer; and his fine standing as a pure christian, combined with great zeal and warmth of heart, had a powerful effect in winning souls to Christ. For what cares an enquiring one interested in his salvation, whether the answer to the question "what must I do to be saved," comes to him in rounded sentences and polished words, or not? And while souls are perishing and the cause of our Saviour languishing, all should do their duty. The past shows that though bro. Gurganus' opportunities had been so meager, yet, when he went forth preaching the word, he was wonderfully successful, and, perhaps, never more so than since the war, he, like some others saw, after the war, unless extra efforts were made the cause of pure christianity must languish in our State; and he buckled on the armor more closely, and prepared for the conflict; and aided by his devoted son, Henry, they commenced in earnest; and for weeks left home and business, and proclaimed the gospel to perishing sinners. The result was glorious. Scores were added and the churches revived in the counties near them. And though they preached and sacrificed thus, it was without compensation. While we may admire such heroic losses of time and means, we can not as well admire the principle which withholds the helping hand; for our Saviour said. "the workman is worthy of his hire," and Paul says, "The Lord has ordained that they who preach the gospel should live of the gospel." So while it is our duty to preach, there is also a duty to be performed by the recipients of the grace of God. But neither poverty nor opposition could deter this blessed man from duty; hence, he battled on until death found him at his post, but not until he had seen two more of his sons wielding the sword of the Spirit—one of whom is our beloved Evangelist, whose praise is in all the churches.

The writer of this loved bro. Gurganus with undying affection. He was the friend and co-laborer of his, (my) venerable father, T. J. Latham, long years ago, between whom there existed a very warm attachment for each other. When but a youth, the writer learned to love him; and now, amid the demoralization of the present time, when joining the church seems, to mean, so little, in the estimation of some, and withdrawing from the Conference such a light thing; it is sweet to reflect upon the life and example of one so pure, devoted and holy, as that of Eld. J. M. Gurganus. His name was put upon the Conference list about thirty or more years ago, but nearly all the others are gone, many have been removed by death, and but few remain of those whose names were there then. His name is now removed—not by a living request for dissatisfaction, but because his tongue is palsied in death. How sad when we meet in Conference no more a Parrott, a Jarman, a Gaylard, a Dillahunt, a T. J. Latham, a Battle, a Dunn, a Bond, and oh! how many others who have passed away! And how soon will the writer's name be removed, because of death! For heaven forbid its removal for any other cause! No! let not ambition, neglect, nor any cause, while he can breathe the breath of life, cause it to be taken away, until like the noble Gurganus, he is in the cold grave. Take it not off from the list of my dear brethren's names, until my tongue is silent in death.

The writer looked upon bro. Gurganus as one of the purest and best of his day—filling up the measure of a follower of Christ—a good neighbor, a good husband, a good father, and above all, a pious christian, who goes to the grave with a name unsulled. "O may I die the death of the righteous, and my last end be like his."

Fallen as sets the sun at eve,
To rise in splendor where,
His kindred luminaries shine
Their heavenly bliss to share;
Beyond the stormy battle field,
He reigns in triumph now,
Tuning a harp of wonderous song
With glory on his brow.

Biographical Sketch of Milton Frost Jarvis.

BY JOSEPHUS LATHAM.

The subject of this sketch, the son of Jno. C. and Nancy Jarvis, was born in Washington, N. C., March 14th, 1851. Soon after, his parents re-moved to Pantego, Beaufort County, N. C.

In early childhood, he manifested a lovely disposition, kind and obedient to parents, and so affectionate to his friends, that he was loved by all who knew him; hence, his confession of the name of Christ, on the 1st day of July, 1872, and his baptism, by Elder John R. Winfield, on the same day, gave much joy to the Disciples at Concord—so certain were they, that he would be a bright and shining member of the said congregation. Having now entered into the service of the Redeemer, and having tasted the joys of sins forgiven, and reconciliation to God through the blood of Christ, his great heart yearned to see others brought to Jesus, and at an early day he began the proclamation of the gospel; and so promising was he, that the church ordered him ordained to the ministry; and on the 4th Lord'sday in March, 1873, he was set apart to the work of an Evangelist, by Elder John R. Winfield and bro. A. Latham, Jr., and from that time we date a higher degree of usefulness. He was not what we would call an educated man, by any means; but, with a bright mind, quick to grasp a truth, combined with a noble heart—kind, humble and zealous, as he was, his influence was great, and a life of usefulness seemed spread out before him; but, like many others of us, he had to follow other occupations to make a livelihood, and having chosen merchandizing, while on his way North, to buy goods, he took a very deep cold, which finally resulted in that dread disease, consumption. His body, naturally frail, was unable to stand the wasting influence of the scourge. He was tall and slender, with a calm and sweet expression of countenance, and was what might have been called a handsome man, and really made a fine appearance in the pulpit, which he often filled with great acceptation, even after he was far advanced in the disease, which was so surely bearing him to the grave. His last sermon was delivered at Pantego, in which he seemed to throw much of the zeal and fire of days gone by, and the effort was crowned with success, in bringing one soul, at least, to Christ. Yet, it was too much for his enfeebled and worn out lungs, and emaciated body, and he was never able to preach again, but gradually continued to sink, until the 26th of January, 1877, when this precious, this noble, this dear young man breathed his last, with a bright hope of a blessed immortality. While many mourned with hearts stricken with sorrow at the untimely death of one so gifted, there was another whose young heart was torn more sadly than any—it was his betrothed—she, young, handsome and lovely, had looked forward to many long and happy years with the beloved Milton; but all these hopes have been blasted by the chilling hand of death. Sad, sad was the passing away of one so pure and so good, but our loss is his eternal gain. "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Bro. Jarvis has escaped the thousands of chilling neglects that many of us may pass through. Then—

> "Not for the pious dead we weep
> His sorrows all are o'er;
> The sea is calm the tempests past
> On that eternal shore;
> His peace is sealed, his rest is sure,
> Within the better home;
> A while we weep and linger here
> Then follow to the tomb"

Biographical Sketch of Eld. Wm. R. Fulcher. (1801-18

BY ELDER A. J. HOLTON.

Elder William R. Fulcher, son of Joseph and Mary Fulcher, was born in Craven County, N. C., June the 17th, 1801. At the age of about twenty-six years, he confessed his faith in Christ, by obedience to the gospel, and became a member of the Free Will Baptist Church, where he remained for several years, when he became convinced of the great necessity of all God's people being united in one body, and severed his connection with the Baptists, and became united with the Disciples of Christ, where he remained the remainder of his life.

He was married twice, first to Miss Catharine Morgan, January 3rd, 1826, and secondly to Miss Sarah J. Keel, March 12th, 1857, who survives him, having three children living.

He was ordained to the work of the ministry June 6th, 1841, by Elders Robert Bond and John Powel. From that time, for a period of about twenty years, he preached regularly, and after then occasionally, up to a few years before his death, when he became so hard of hearing, and afflicted otherways. he had to stop entirely for the remainder of his life.

Bro. William R. Fulcher, as a man, stood high in the estimation of the people generally; regarded as an honest and peaceable citizen, and good neighbor. As a christian, he was consistent. His comforts and hopes were derived from faith in Christ, and the promises of his word. His piety was of that character as to enable him to give a reason for the hope that dwelt in him. As a preacher, he earnestly contended for the truth, making no compromise with error of any sort.

Bro. Fulcher was confined to his bed for several months previous to his death, which he endured patiently to the end, seeming to be fully resigned to the will of God. A few days before his death, fully conscious of his death, he gave his wife a solemn charge, concerning the training of his children, who are quite young, and yet to shape a course in life, either for good or evil.

Having now completed his work on earth, of a long life of service to God, and of usefulness to his fellow man, he fell asleep in Jesus, on July 30th, 1877, to enjoy the sweets of that rest that remains only for the people of God.

WATCH-TOWER FOR 1879.

I had hoped that this year, (1878,) would be the last of my editorial life; but as no one seems disposed to enter the field, and as a paper, devoted to the cause we plead, is a necessity, I make this announcement for Volume VII, 1879.

1. The *Watch-Tower* for 1879 will be published in newspaper form on a sheet 23x33, 24 columns, at $1 per volume of 12 numbers.

2. It will be published on the cash system, and be mailed only to those who pay in advance, unless otherwise agreed in particular cases.

3. Our preaching brethren, and all others who interest themselves in procuring and forwarding subscriptions, will be compensated in proportion to their labor and success.

4. All agents, procuring subscribers and not forwarding the money in advance, will be held responsible for the unpaid subscriptions; and, if unknown to us, the paper will not be mailed until payment is received.

5. Many of our present subscribers are in arrears, some for two years. The names of all these will be dropped at the end of this year, unless they pay up and renew for 1879.

6. We affectionately ask and urge all our preachers, and the brethren and sisters, who may receive this Prospectus, to mak an immediate effort to fill up the blank below, and forward to me,—remember, *with the money.* Let us hear from all by first of December. The Fall and Winter is the money season. Make use of the time.

☞ And we expect to have an able corps of contributors, male and female, and among these we mention brethren J. J. Harper, Dr. H. D. Harper, J. H. Foy, J. Latham, J. L. Winfield and J. L Burns; and among the sisters W. R. Tull, Sue Hellen Draughan and Sallie R. Dixon. Let there be a movement all along the line.

JNO. T. WALSH.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Annual Conference of the Disciples of Christ in North Carolina assembled with the church in Kinston, October 9, 1879. Elder Josephus Latham by appointment preached the introductory sermon from Rom. 10: "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." The Moderator of last annual meeting, Dr. H. D. Harper, then took the chair, and appointed a Committee on Organization, consisting of brethren J. A. B. Cooper, Wm. Cox and Elder J. L. Winfield. While the committee were preparing their report, the Moderator made some practical remarks as to the duties of delegates.

The Committee reported for Moderator, Dr. H. D. Harper, Assistant, Elder J. T. Davis; Secretary, Elder J. J. Harper, Assistant, Elder J. Latham.

On motion of Elder J. L. Burns, the Conference adjourned until 2:30 p. m. for dinner.

The hour for re-assembling having arrived, the Conference assembled promptly.

The Moderator in the chair proceeded to appoint the following committees, viz: On the Arrangement of Business for the meeting, Elders J. L. Winfield, Isaac Chestnutt and H. C. Bowen.

(The Committee on the Arrangement of Business reported the following Order, viz: 1. Appointment of Committees. 2. Calling the Roll of Churches. 3. Report of Committees. 4. Miscellaneous Business.)

On Preaching, Dr. J. T. Walsh, C. W. Howard and A. J. Loftin. On Report of Churches, S. B. Taylor, I. N. Keel and J. A. B. Cooper. On Finance, R. T. Hodges, Wm. Frazier and B. H. Huffman. On Lord'sday Schools, J. L. Winfield, J. Latham and Isaac Chestnut. On Evangelizing, J. L. Burns, Isaac Chestnut and Jesse T. Davis.

On motion, the church of Dover, Craven County, was received and placed on the Roll of Churches.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder J. T. Davis to preach to-night, and Elder J. L. Burns to-morrow night.

On motion of Elder J. Latham, the Conference adjourned until to-morrow (Friday) at 9 a. m.

Bro. E. L. Sowers, by request of the Moderator, closed the meeting by singing and prayer. Elder J. Latham pronounced the benediction.

FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 10TH.—Conference met according to adjournment, and was opened with divine services conducted by Elder N. B. Hood.

Proceedings of yesterday read and approved. The calling of the Roll of Churches was then continued.

The Moderator added to the committees appointed yesterday, one on Ministerial qualifications for ordination, consisting of Elders J. L. Winfield, J. J. Harper and bro. N. S. Richardson. Also, a Committee on Ministerial Character, consisting of brethren Wm. H. Rountree, J. B. Martin and J. J. Rawls.

On motion, the new church at *Hebron*, Lenoir County, was ordered to be enrolled on the minutes of this meeting.

On motion, the name of the church at Salisbury was changed to Lebanon.

On motion, the new church at White Oak, Duplin County, was enrolled on the minutes.

On motion, the Conference adjourned until 2 o'clock p. m.

Report of the Committee on Ministerial Standing.

We, your Committee to whom was referred the moral standing of our ministers, beg leave to report that, we find them all without reproach.

W. H. Rountree, }
J. J. Rawls, } Com.
J. B. Martin, }

Report of Committee on Evangelizing.

Bro. Moderator:

We, your Committee to whom was referred the subject of Evangelizing, after due consideration, make the following suggestions:

Whereas, Your former efforts have resulted in good, in the conversion of souls, in building up the waste places of Zion, and growth in grace and increase in the knowledge of the truth as it is in Jesus, we suggest to this Conference the propriety of taking speedy action to raise means by cash and subscriptions to place an able Evangelist in the field. and to continue his labors until the next Conference. We also suggest that the Moderator appoint a committee of five or more to solicit donations, which shall be paid into the hands of the aforesaid Evangelizing Committee.

1. That this Committee have the right to elect or appoint its Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer.

2 That the Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer constitute an Executive Committee for the transaction of all evangelical business, and report their proceedings to each Conference the next ensuing

3 That it be the duty of the Secretary to pay all funds that may, from time to time, come into his hands to the Treasurer and take a receipt for the same.

4. That it be the duty of the Treasurer to hold all funds paid to him until otherwise ordered by common consent of the Executive Committee.

5. That it be the duty of the Executive Committee to employ an efficient Evangelist, as soon as there are sufficient funds raised.

6. That the Evangelist be subject to the Executive Committee in all things appertaining to his evangelical labors, and to report to the aforesaid Committee at the expiration of each term for which he was employed

J L. Burns, }
Isaac Chestnut, } Com.
J. T. Davis, }

Read twice and adopted.

The Moderator appointed on this committee brethren Dr. F. W. Dixon, Simon B. Taylor, N. S. Richardson, H. Brown and James W. Hodges.

On motion, the funds sent up to this meeting for missionary work and to be placed at the option of this meeting, be placed in the hands of the Evangelizing Committee.

Bro. J. L. Burns, having changed his field of labor from this State to South Carolina, by his request, his name was removed from the Roll of Preachers.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder George Joyner to preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

Report of Committee on Lord'sday Schools.

We, your Committee on Lord'sday Schools beg leave to report: That while we are satisfied that our people are getting much more alive to the importance of Lord's-day Schools, yet the failure to report through the minutes, makes us able to report only the following, viz:

Mill Creek,	Johnston	Co.	Pupils	145	Teachers	10
Wilson's Mill,	"	"	"	45	"	5
Kinston,	Lenoir	"	"	40	"	8
Bethel,	"	"	"	25	"	5
Hookerton,	Greene	"	"	40	"	4
Robinsonville,	Martin	"	"	20	"	5
Lebanon,	"	"	"	21	"	5
Poplar Chapel,	"	"	"	26	"	6
C. Prospect,	Onslow	"	"	40	"	4
Union Chapel,	"	"	"	40	"	6
Oak Grove,	Pitt	"	"	23	"	6
Antioch,	"	"	"	12	"	1
Berea,	"	"	"	40	"	2
Salem,	"	"	"	20	"	5
Mt. Pleasant,	"	"	"	20	"	4
Bethlehem,	Pamlico	"	"	62	"	6
Bethany,	"	"	"	72	"	6
Union Chapel,	Beaufort	"	"	40	"	6
River Side,	Craven	"	"	20	"	4
Kitt Swamp,	"	"	"	60	"	11
Free Chapel,	Washington	"	"	40	"	7
Total Number,				822		107

Respectfully Submitted,

J. L. Winfield }
J. Latham } Com.
Isaac Chestnutt, }

Report read and adopted.

On motion, the Conference adjourned until Saturday 9 a. m. Benediction by bro. H. C. Bowen.

Saturday Morning, 9. a. m.—Conference met according to adjournment, and was opened with divine services conducted by Elder George Joyner.

The Moderator appointed on the Committee on Ministerial Qualifications, Elder J. T. Davis, in place of the Secretary of this meeting.

The name of Elder Joseph H. Foy was removed from the Roll of Preachers, by his request, he having changed his field of labor from this State to the State of Missouri.

The name of Henry O. Cutler was erased from the List of Preachers in consequence of his death.

On motion, Robert Winfield was appointed to prepare an obituary of Elder Cutler and publish the same in the *Watch-Tower.*

The question of holding the next annual meeting was taken up, and on counting the votes it was found that a majority were cast in favor of *Bethel Church*, Lenoir County. Brother George Joyner was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and bro. Henry Winfield his alternate.

The hour of preaching having arrived, it was announced that bro. Joyner, by courtesy of the Methodists, would preach in their church.

The Committee on Preaching reported Dr. H. D. Harper to preach in the Baptist Church to-morrow (Lord's-day) at 11 o'clock a. m., and in the Methodist Church to-morrow night; Elder J. L. Winfield in the Methodist Church at 11 a. m., and in the Disciples' Church at night; Elder J. J. Harper in the Disciples at 11 o'clock a. m., and in the Baptist Church at night; Elder Henry Winfield was appointed to preach to-night.

A biographical sketch of Elder Thomas H. Bowen was read, and, on motion, was ordered to be published in the proceedings of this meeting.

The Committee on Finance submitted their report, which was adopted.

Report of Committee on Finance.

The Committee on Finance submitted the following report:

Amount received for minute fund, and to be placed at the option of the Conference,	$ 69 50
Amount directed to be added to Missionary Fund,	11 00

Respectfully Submitted,

B H. Huffman, Wm. Frazier. R. T. Hodges, } Com.

On motion, it was agreed to have one thousand copies of the proceedings of the Conference printed, and that the work of transcribing, printing and distributing be entrusted to bro. N. S. Richardson, of New-Berne, and that he be paid $69.50 for his services.

On motion, a committee was appointed consisting of C. W. Howard, N. S. Richardson and Dr. J. T. Walsh to draw up a form of chruch letters for the use of congregations represented in this Conference.

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Report of Church Statistics.

The Committee on Church Statistics submitted the following report:

New Congregations added at this Conference,	3
Aggregate membership of above,	47
Members dismissed in State,	67
Excluded,	40
Died,	33
Received,	99
Baptized,	157
Total membership in the State,	5,970

S. B. Taylor, J. A. B. Cooper, I. N. Keel, } Com.

The following preamble and resolution was adopted:

Whereas, Much valuable time is consumed at our Conferences to the wearying of the delegates and visitors in reading the letters from the different churches; therefore,

Resolved, That at the very beginning of our next Conference a Committee of Finance and Church Statistics be appointed to whom the letters shall be referred, instead of being read as heretofore.

On motion, the Conference adjourned until 2 o'clock for dinner.

Report of Evangelizing Committee, No. 2.

Your Committee to whom was referred the selection of an Executive Committee to employ an evangelist for the ensusing year, do hereby appoint the following brethren: For President, Dr. F. W. Dixon, Snow Hill, N. C.; Treasurer, N. D. Myers, Kinston, N. C.; Secretary, C. W. Howard, Kinston, N. C. We also recommend that a collection be taken up on to-morrow for evangelizing. We further recommend that all our preachers take up a collection from each of their congregations during the ensuing Conference year for the above object.

F. W. Dixon,
S. B. Taylor,
H. C. Bowen,
J. W. Hodges,
N. S. Richardson,
Com.

On motion, it was resolved that the churches on the north side of Tar River be allowed to delegate to their Conference, in the same ratio that they are represented in their Union Meeting, next preceding each annual session of this meeting.

Report of Executive Committee.

After consultation we agree to engage the services of bro. J. L. Winfield and allow him twenty-five dollars per month. His work will begin immediately and continue by the quarter so long as sufficient funds are in the hands of the Treasurer. It shall be his duty to present the claims of this Evangelical work wherever he goes and to take up collections in all established congregations he may preach to, and report the same to the Secretary of this Executive Committee at the end of each quarter.

F. W. Dixon, Pres.
N. D. Myers, Treas.

C. W. Howard, Sec.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolution of Thanks.

Resolved That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the officers for the faithful, and efficient manner in which they have discharged their several duties; and to the citizens of Kinston and surrounding community for their kind hospitality during our sojourn among them; also to the members and pastors of the Methodist and Baptist churches for the kind offer of the use of their respective houses of worship.

On motion, the Conference adjourned until Lord'sday morning 9 o'clock.

Divine services, in conclusion, conducted by bro. J. Latham.

Lord'sday Morning, October 12, 1879.—Conference re-assembled according to appointment. Opened with divine services. Then proceeded to ordain bro. A. O. Warren to the work of the ministry in accordance with the following report of committee:

Bro. Moderator:

The Committee on Examination and Ordination submit the following report: Bro. Aug. O. Warren, of Edwardsville, Beaufort Co., N. C., appeared before us, and after a thorough examination touching his knowledge of the gospel, we recommend that his name be enrolled on the minutes as a preacher of the gospel.

J. L. Winfield,
N. S. Richardson, } Com.
J. T. Davis,

The remainder of the day was devoted to divine worship.

The Baptists and Methodists having kindly tendered the use of their respective churches, their pulpits were occupied according to appointment of the Committee on Preaching, to which the reader is referred. After preaching at the Disciples' Church in the morning, a large number of the brethren and sisters assembled to partake of the supper of the Lord. The venerable brother, Dr. Walsh, presided at the table. It was truly a refreshing season.

During the entire session of the Conference the Spirit of the Great Head of the Church seemed to prevail, and mutual good will and Christian regard abounded with all. May the good work of the Lord in our midst go on, while He adds daily to the church such as will be saved.

H. D. HARPER, *Moderator.*
J. T. DAVIS, *Assistant.*

J. J. HARPER, Secretary.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Received.	Baptised.	No. of Members.	Contributions.
Union Chapel,	Beaufort,	Not Represented			2		11	139	
Union Chapel, Jr.,	“	“ “	1		3			38	$1 00
Trinity,	“	By Letter					4	35	50
Head of Pungo,	“	“ “						39	1 00
Tranters Creek,	“	Not Represented							
White Hill,	“	A. O. Warren						47	60
Beaver Dam,	“	Not Represented						182	
Blount's Creek,	“	“ “							
Pantego,	“	S. F. Flynn	3			2	7	161	2 50
Post Oak Chapel,	“	Not Represented							
Old Ford,	“	E. T. Woodard, H. C. Cherry, R. T. Hodges	1	17	4	6	16	222	1 00
Juniper Chapel,	“	Not Represented							
Pungo Chapel,	“	By Letter,						41	1 00
Refuge,	Buncombe,	Not Represented						30	
Bee Tree,	“	“ “						30	
Asheville,	“	“ “						15	
Kitt Swamp,	Craven,	B. H. Gaskins	4					80	1 00
Alpha,	“	Not Represented							
River Side,	“	“ “						62	2 00
New-Berne,	“	N. S Richardson						7	50
Vanceboro,	“	Not Represented							
Grange Hall	“	“ “							
Dover,	“	Geo. T. Grace, Jno D. Carmach						14	1 00
Mocksville,	Davie,	Not Represented						35	
Pfofftown,	Forsyth,	“ “						150	

Wear Creek,	Carteret.	A. T. Dickson,						15	50
Draughan's Chapel,	Edgecombe,	Wm. F. Draughan. W. D. Pittman					6	31	1 50
Battleboro,	"	Not Represented,							
Hookerton,	Greene,	F. W Dickson Wm. 'oward, Elias Albritton.	1	1	1	1	2	134	2 00
Eden,	"	Wm. Frazier, A. Taylor	3		2			68	1 50
Clark's School House,	Hyde,	Not Represented							
Neill's Chapel,	"	" "							
Swan Quarter,	"	H. D. Carson						10	75
Middleton,	"	Not Represented						108	
Springfield,	"	" "						63	
Deep Spring,	Jones,	By Letter	7					34	1 00
Shady Grove,	"	Reported by Bro. Heath	1		1	1		42	1 15
Tuckahoe,	"	B. H. Huffman, J. A. Huffman		2				84	1 15
Pleasant Hill.	"	Reported by Bro. J. A Fordham						132	2 00
White Oak,	"	By Letter		4	4			38	
Mill Creek,	Johnston,	" "		3	3	2		193	2 50
Wilson's Mills,	"	J. W. Vinson,		1	3	2		33	2 00
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	Edward Sutton, J. R. Hodges	7			1	5	129	4 00
Kinston,	"	S. H. Rountree, A. J Loftin, N. D Myers.			1	9	1	87	3 00
Bethel,	"	J. T. Davis, W. H Rountree, C. T. Barwick	4		2	2	5	89	5 00
South West,	"	Not Represented						10	
Briery Swamp,	"	J. A Lewis, J. W. Pool						33	1 50
Hebron,	"	L. Mewborne R. F. Bright, Thos. J. Dickson						15	
Christian Chapel,	Martin,	Not Represented						85	
Macedonia,	"	" "						49	
Robinsonville,	"	S D. Barnhill W. W. Anderson						38	1 00
Poplar Chapel,	"	By Letter			1	12	16	71	1 00
Zion's Grove,	"	" "		3			2	24	50
Manning's S. H.,	"	Not Represented							
Lebanon,	"	H. Brown. J. B Cooper		1			5	21	1 00
Red Oak Mission,	Nash,	Not Represented						7	
Christian Prospect.	Onslow,	By Letter	1	6		1		59	1 10
Union Chapel,	"	S B. Taylor, H. D. Morrell, W. B Cox						55	2 00
Antioch,	Pitt,	W. R. Williams,	1		1	1		81	
Berea,	"	By Letter						19	50
Salem,	"	F. M. Kilpatrick, Dr. H. D. Harper	8			5	1	99	2 50

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STATISTICAL TABLE—Continued.

Timothy

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Received.	Baptised.	No. of Members.	Contributions.
Corinth,	Pitt,	A J. Moye,						49	3 00
Trinity Chapel,	"	J. Moore, Edward Stokes.		3		4	1	59	85
Rountree's,	"	J. R. Forbes, J. S. Hines, B. F. McLawhorn,	1		1			44	1 50
Oak Grove,	"	J. J. Rawls, A. B. Congleton. I. N. Keel,		2		1	3	93	1 00
Mt. Pleasant,	"	F. Ward, L. Mayo, W. Stancill,	5	1	1		4	78	1 00
Madison,	Rockingham,	Not Represented,						67	
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	By Letter,				8	22	143	1 50
Sixrun's Chapel,	"	O. K. Lewis, Thos. Boyett,		9		2		106	1 50
Albemarle,	Tyrrel,	Not Represented,						74	
Gum Neck,	"	" "						56	
Sound Side,	"	" "						20	
Sharon,	"	" "						66	
Long Acre Chapel,	Washington,	" "						59	
Saint's Delight,	"	" "						71	
Chapel Hill,	"	" "						42	
Free Chapel,	"	By Letter,		7	1			117	
Phillippi,	"	" "						141	
Christian Hope,	"	" "	6			2	9	127	1 00
Zion's Chapel,	"	Not Represented,						64	
Holly Neck,	"	" "						60	
Goldsboro Mission,	Wayne,	" "						6	
Eureka,	"	J. E. Britt,	8			1		166	1 50
Wilson,	Wilson,	Not Represented,							
Broad Creek,	Pamlico,	By Letter,			2			46	1 00
Bethany,	"	S. S. Broughton, J. B. Martin, A. C. Brinson,	2		1	20	20	126	2 00

Bay Creek,	Pamlico,	Not Represented,						59	
Concord,	"	By Letter,	2	2				45	85
Goose Creek,	"	" "						60	75
Bethlehem,	"	" "	1		1	14	12	66	2 00
Stony Creek,	Surry,	Not Represented.						26	
Sulphur Springs,	"	" "						30	
Union Hill,	Stokes,	" "						24	
Jefferson Mission,	"	" "							
Mt. Nebo,	Yadkin,	" "						60	
White Oak,	Duplin,	J. L. Tew, Wm. Vernon,						18	1 25
			68	42	35	57	147	5970	$69 50

List of Preachers with their Post Office Address, in Alphabetical Order.

Names of Preachers.	Post Offices.		
GIDEON ALLEN,	Marlboro.	Pitt county,	N. C.
STANLY AYERS,	Williamston, Martin	"	"
H. C. BOWEN,	Plymouth, Washington	"	"
HENRY D. CASON,	Swan Quarter, Hyde	"	"
J. J. COLTRAIN,	Jamesville, Martin,	"	"
W. H. COBB,	Whitakers, Edgecombe	"	"
ISAAC CHESTNUTT,	Maple Cypress, Craven	"	"
S. L. DAVIS,	Burgess' Mills, Hyde	"	"
W. M. DAVIS.	Plymouth, Washington	"	"
J. T. DAVIS,	Ormondsville, Greene,	"	"
J. G. GURGANUS,	Plymouth, Washington	"	"
HENRY S. GURGANUS,	Long Ridge, "	"	"
JNO. W. GURGANUS,	" " "	"	"
PETER E. HINES,	Wilson, Wilson	"	"
J. S. HENDERSON,	Swan Quarter, Hyde	"	"
S. W. HARDISON,	Jamesville, Martin	"	"
ISAAC P. HOLTON,	Grantsboro, Pamlico	"	"
J. W. P. HOLTON,	" "	"	"
A. J. HOLTON,	New-Berne, Craven	"	"
J. J. HARPER,	Smithfield. Johnston	"	"
N B. HOOD,	Grantham's Store, Wayne	"	"
DR. H. D. HARPER,	Centreville, Pitt	"	"
C. W. HOWARD,	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
A. C. HART,	Hookerton Green	"	"
JOHN IDOL, (1878),	Bethania, Forsyth	"	"
IRVIN JONES,	Hookerton. Greene	"	"
GEO. JOYNER,	Marlboro, Pitt	"	"
GEO W. JACKSON, (1878,)	Long Ridge Washington	"	"
JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Greenville, Pitt	"	"
AUGUSTUS LATHAM,	Pantego Beaufort	"	"
P. T. LEHMAN, (1878,)	Mt Airy, Surry	"	"
D. H. MILLER,	Goldsboro, Wayne	"	"
JOHN NEWBERRY,	Scuppernong. Washington	"	"
SILAS PEACOCK,	Bethania, Forsyth	"	"
RICHARD POINDEXTER, (1878)	Mt Nebo, Yadkin	"	"
T. W. PHILLIPS,	Pantego, Beaufort	"	"
T. ROEBUCK,	Williamston, Martin	"	"
E. L. SOWERS,	Kinston, Lenior	"	"
JOS. W. STEVENSON, (1878,)	Wilson's Store, Stokes	"	"
R. T. SANDERS, (1878.)	P O. not known.		
R. J. TAYLOR,	Wilson, Wilson	"	"
L. J. TERRY,	P. O. not known.		
JNO. R. WINFIELD,	Pantego, Beaufort	"	"
HENRY WINFIELD,	Robinsonville, Martin	"	"
J L. WINFIELD,	New-Berne, Craven	"	"
DR. J. T. WALSH,	Kinston. Lenoir	"	"
A. C. WENTZ,	Lee's Mills, Washington	"	"
THOS. W. WHITLEY,	Washington. Beaufort	"	"
AUGUSTUS O. WARREN, (1879),	Edwardsville, "	"	"
R. W. STANCILL,	Lexington, Ky.		

IN MEMORIAM.

Biographical Sketch of Eld. Thomas H. Bowen.

BY ISAAC P. HOLTON.

This worthy Minister of the Gospel was born January the 3rd, 1813, in North Carolina, Craven County, in that part now known as Pamlico County. He made the good confession under the teaching of Elder Henry Smith, and was baptised at about the age of thirty years, and became a member of the Church of Christ worshiping at Bethany, where he held his membership as long as he lived.

Soon after he became a member of the Church, he gave evidence of talents sufficient for a nobler work, and at the request of the Church, he was set apart to the work of the ministry, by Elders Henry Smith and John B. Gaylord, at about the age of thirty-three, and commenced preaching with considerable success, his labors being mostly confined to Craven and Carteret counties.

After preaching for several years he was left alone, by the death of his mother, who had been left to his care many years before by the death of his father, which duty he had faithfully performed. Now being left entirely alone, Bro. Bowen saw it best to marry, and was married December the 14th, 1854, to Miss Mary Lewis, daughter of Bro. Isaac Lewis, of Carteret County, a lady of fine reputation, and who is yet held sacred in the memory of her acquaintances.

From this time Bro. Bowen's usefulness as a minister increased until the death of his wife, which occurred March the 2nd, 1861. Bro. Bowen by this time held the pastoral care of as many as seven churches, but by the death of his wife, and the distress of the late war, and having left to his care two small children, he had to confine himself more closely at home, preaching only for those churches that were near home, until about six years before his death, when he became so afflicted he had to decline preaching entirely. Bro. Bowen's afflictions were very great; he was first afflicted with ulcers on his legs, for which he applied for medical aid; but when he would seem to cure the ulcers the symptoms of dropsy would appear. In this way he lingered until about one year before his death, when he became entirely confined to his bed, holding no interview with his brethren only as they would visit him, which was done by many.

The writer of this sketch also visited him, and heard him give expression to his hopes, which were done in a very touching manner, using the language of Saint Paul:

> "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous Judge shall give me at that day."

The above, with many other hopeful expressions, filled up the time I spent with him; and now parting with him for the last time he requested me to attend his funeral when he should die; which was done as requested, using the above quoted Scripture as a text, it being his own selection. Then we laid his body beside his wife and two children of his, that died in infancy, to wait the summons from on high.

The two children that were left to his care at the death of his wife still survive him, a son and a daughter, who, we are happy to say at this point, have also made the good confession at a late revival of religion in the Church at Bethany, following the good example of their sainted father.

The above is but a very brief and imperfect sketch of the life of this worthy minister of the gospel. Many other things might be said of him to his honor, that space will not allow, but they are all written upon the memory of mortals, and will not be forgotten.

"Fallen—as sets the sun at eve,
To rise in splendor where
His kindred luminaries shine,
Their heaven of bliss to share;
Beyond the stormy battle-field
He reigns in triumph now,
Sweeping a harp of wondrous song,
With glory on his brow."

CORRECTIONS.—On page 6, 18th line from top, for "chruch" it should read church. On page 12 of Statistical Table 4th line from top, for "Trinity" Chapel it should read Timothy Chapel.

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PROCEEDINGS

—OF THE—

ANNUAL CONFERENCE

—OF THE—

Disciples of Christ,

—HELD AT—

Bethel, Lenoir County, N. C.,

Oct. 7th, 8th and 9th, 1880.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Annual Conference of the Disciples of Christ assembled at Bethel, Lenoir County, N. C., October 7th, 8th and 9th. Elder George Joyner, who was appointed to preach the introductory sermon being absent, Elder Henry Winfield, of Robinsonville, delivered the opening discourse from Heb. 11:10. His theme was Abraham's faith, and the sermon abounded in wise suggestions.

FIRST DAY.

Dr. H. D. Harper, the Moderator of the Conference, took the chair and called the house to order. The chair appointed the following committee on permanent organization: Brethren S. H. Rountree, James W. Hodges and W. B. Cox.

The committee reported Dr. J. T. Walsh for Moderator, Assistant, Elder H. Winfield, Secretary, Elder H. C. Bowen, Assistant, Elder Josephus Latham. The report was adopted.

The Moderator on taking his seat, made some practical remarks on the object of the meeting, and the duty of delegates composing the body. The following committees were appointed: On preaching: W. H. Rountree Elder I. L. Chestnutt and C. T. Barwick; on Church Statistics and Finance: W. G. Lang, J. L. Winfield, S. H. Rountree and H. Brown. On Lord's day Schools: W. W. Andrews, F. M. Kilpatrick and H. H. Bowen. On Evangelizing: I. L. Chestnutt, Dr. H. D. Harper and Hezekiah Brown. On Ministerial Ordination: J. Lathan, H. Winfield and Dr. H. D. Harper. On Ministerial Character: W. B. Cox, J. C. C. Jenkins and J. W. Trotman. On Publications: N. S. Richardson, Dr. H. D. Harper and C. W. Howard.

The Moderator announced a recess of 30 minutes for refreshments.

Conference re-assembled and proceeded to business.

On motion of Elder J. Latham, the new church at Wynn Fork was received and entered upon the minutes, and Bro. J. W. Trotman was received as a delegate and invited to participate in all the deliberations.

The Committee on Preaching reported Bro. A. C. Hart to preach to-night, and Bro. G. Allen in the Baptist Church to-morrow morning.

On motion, Conference adjourned until to-morrow 9 o'clock. Prayer and praise by Elder H. D. Cason.

SECOND DAY.

Conference assembled at the appointed hour. Prayer by Elder E. E. Orvis. Minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

On motion of Bro. J. Latham, Elder E. E. Orvis, of Pennsylvania, was invited to take a seat and participate in the deliberations.

On motion of Bro. H. C. Bowen, the Conference departed from the usual order of business for the purpose of making a special motion. The purport of the resolution was that Conference depart from the order of business to have all the church letters read before the Conference and *then* referred to the Committee on Church Statistics.

On motion, the blanks in the hands of Bro. J. L. Winfield to collect the census for 1880 be turned over to the Committee on Statistics and they be requested to make the work perfect as possible.

The letters of yesterday were read by the Secretary and referred to the Committee on Statistics.

The Moderator called the roll of churches and such as responded were read openly.

On motion, the letter of Shady Grove Church, asking that the name of Bro. Curtis Heath be enrolled on the list of preachers, be referred to the Committee on Ministerial Character.

All new churches were called and the following responded and asked to be enrolled on the minutes: Wynn Fork, Hartsfield S. H., Powell's Point and Sand Hill. See Statistical Table.

Bro. Gideon Allen preached at this hour in the Baptist Church, on the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. Bro. A. C. Hart preached on Faith, Hope and Charity.

During the hour for preaching, Bro. J. W. Trotman addressed the Convention in a most acceptable speech, defending the plea for the ancient gospel, and urging the Convention to send an Evangelist on the north side of Albemarle Sound. Others took part, and a deep interest was manifested in the work in all the northeastern counties.

The place of holding the next Conference was then taken up, and petitions were presented from Timothy Chapel, Pitt; Rountree's, and Robinsonville, Martin. The friends of each place advocated their preference, and Robinsonville receiving the largest number of votes was declared the place.

On motion, the vote was made unanimous for Robinsonville.

On motion, Dr. J. T. Walsh was appointed to preach the opening sermon, and Elder J. Latham his alternate.

On motion, one or more blanks of church letters be mailed to each church with the minutes.

The Committee on Preaching reported Bro. E. E. Orvis to preach to-night, and Dr. H. D. Harper to-morrow morning.

The Committee on Publications, through their Chairman, Bro. N. S. Richardson, submitted their report, and urged that the *Watch-Tower* be patronized by the brotherhood, and it be changed to a *semi-monthly*. Dr. Harper took the floor and made a strong speech, showing the importance of a paper to defend the cause and edify the church. The report was unanimously adopted. See No. 1.

At this point the Moderator announced an intermission of one hour for refreshments.

Conference re-assembled after dinner and proceeded to business.

The Committee on Ministerial Character submitted their report which was received but not adopted.

On motion of Bro. H. C. Bowen, the Moderator appoint a committee of three to examine into the merits of the case of Bro. Heath, upon which the committee reported, and report at next session of .the Conference. The Moderator appointed brethren J. Latham, C. W. Howard and Dr. H. D. Harper. On motion, the Moderator's name was added.

Bro. H. C. Bowen offered a resolution in reference to preachers making a report of their labors and what they received at next and each succeeding Conference. The resolution was adopted. See No. 2.

On motion of Dr. Walsh, the thanks of the Conference were tendered Bro. N. S. Richardson for the liberal donation of church letters. All the churches are requested to use the letters in their reports to Conference.

The Committee on Lord's day Schools submitted their report, which, on motion, was received and adopted. See No. 3.

On motion Conference adjourned until to-morrow morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. N. S. Richardson.

THIRD DAY.

Conference assembled at the appointed hour and was opened by singing and prayer by Bro. J. L. Winfield. Proceedings of yesterday were read and approved.

Bro. J. L. Winfield offered a resolution on thanksgiving and a January collection for missions. The resolution was discussed by several brethren and then referred to brethren H. D. Harper, H. Brown and N. S. Richardson, a committee, for further consideration.

The Committee on Ministerial Character submitted their report, which was received and adopted. See No. 4.

On motion of Bro. H. C. Bowen, Bro. J. L. Winfield was appointed to transcribe, print and mail 1,500 copies of minutes; and the minute fund be turned over to him for that purpose.

Elder Josephus Latham advocated the claims of the Perquimans Mission, and the Moderator requested him to wait on the congregation and solicit donations for that field.

On motion, Bro. N. D. Myers, of Kinston, was elected Treasurer of the Conference.

Dr. H. D. Harper offered a series of resolutions concerning preachers laboring without being clothed with proper authority. The resolutions were freely discussed and adopted. See No. 5.

On motion, brethren H. D. Harper, C. W. Howard and W. G. Fordham were elected to work with the Evangelizing Board.

Dr. H. D. Harper preached in the Baptist Church at noon an "True and False Works."

Bro. C. W. Howard, Corresponding Secretary, submitted his report. which was received and adopted. See No. 6.

Bro. J. Latham introduced a resolution on evangelizing, which was unanimously adopted. See No. 7.

Committee on Statistics and Finance submitted their report, which was received and adopted. See No. 8.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Baptists for the use of their house of worship.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered the officers of the Convention for the faithful discharge of their duties, and also to the citizens of this community for their kindness and hospitality.

The Committee on Preaching reported Bro. J. Latham to preach to-night, and Bro. E. E. Orvis to-morrow, in the Baptist Church, and Dr. J. T. Walsh in the Disciples' Chapel.

The Moderator announced an intermission of 30 minutes for dinner.

The Conference re-assembled and proceeded to business.

The Committee on Evangelizing, and the Special Committee on the January collection, made a joint report, which was received and adopted. See No. 9.

On motion of Bro. N. S. Richardson, the Conference adjourned to meet with the Church of Christ at Robinsonville, Martin county, N. C., on Thursday before the second Lord's day in October, 1881.

Very appropriate remarks were made by the Moderator, and Elder E. L. Sowers closed with singing and prayer. That old familiar hymn commencing with—

"My Christian friends in bonds of love,"

was sung, and the many brethren departed never all to meet again on earth.

J. T. WALSH, *Moderator.*
H. WINFIELD, *Assistant.*

H. C. BOWEN, *Secretary.*
J. LATHAM, *Assistant.*

REMARKS.

Thus has come and gone one of our most pleasant and social Conferences. The proceedings were marked throughout with brotherly love and christian greetings; and we have occasion to thank a wise and merciful Providence that we have been abundantly blessed the past year with a rich harvest, and to see many of our brethren alive to the missionary cause, and resolve to continue Bro. Bowen in the northeastern counties for the ensuing Conference year. It is highly important, that we should remember our January collection, and make such a liberal contribution that it will swell the heart of our Evangelist. There are cries from all parts of the State for more laborers, and we thank God that we have enough to supply every demand, if our hearts would only open and divide sacrifices with them.

I have departed somewhat from the usual manner of getting up the minutes, by placing the reports and resolutions in their proper order, so they will be convenient for reference. J. L. Winfield.

Reports and Resolutions.

(No. 1.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATION.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of publication, would recommend and endorse the *Watch-Tower* as the organ of the Church of Christ in North Carolina; and would further recommend that as Bro. Winfield has agreed to publish the paper semi-monthly at $1 per annum, provided he can secure as many as 800 cash subscribers, therefore be it

Resolved, 1. That the ministers and delegates be requested to press its claims in their respective localities and fields of labor, and secure the necessary number of subscribers to the end proposed.

Resolved, 2. That we consider a church organ an effectual aid in propagating the Gospel of Christ, and to accomplish this greatly desired end, each and every member of the church should feel under obligations to bear his or her part of the necessary expenses by individually subscribing to the *Watch-Tower*.

N. S. Richardson,
C. W. Howard,
H. D. Harper. } Committee.

(No. 2.)

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING PREACHERS, REPORTING THEIR WORK TO CONFERENCE.

Whereas, The minutes of the Annual Conference do not show what the preachers among the Disciples of Christ are doing, therefore be it

Resolved, That every preacher is required to make a brief written report to the Conference of his work and remuneration, to be printed in the minutes.

H. C. Bowen.

(No. 3.)

LORD'S DAY SCHOOLS.

We, your committee on Lord's day schools, beg leave to make the following report: That while we are satisfied that there has been much interest taken and much good accomplished in the work, there can be much more. And we hope that our brethren will become more alive to the great interest of this work and carry it on to success. From letters and other information, we are able to report the sollowing:

Mill Creek,	Johnston	Co	Pupils	140	Teachers	3
Mt. Pleasant,	Pitt	"	"	12	"	4
Bethlehem,	Pamlico	"	"	30	"	5
Kinston,	Lenoir	"	"	40	"	6
Kitt Swamp,	Craven	"	"	30	"	8
Bethany,	Pamlico	"	"	53	"	6
Poplar Chapel,	Martin	"	"	25	"	3
Timothy,	Pitt	"	"	22	"	3
Long Acre,	Wash'gton	"	"	25	"	5
Goose Creek,	Pamlico	"	"	101	"	6
Robinsonville,	Martin	"	"	25	"	5
Bethel.	Lenoir	"	"	25	"	5
River Side,	Craven	"	"	39	"	8
Salem,	Pitt	"	"	40	"	3
Alpha,	Craven	"	"	20	"	4
Total Number,				527		75

Respectfully Submitted,

W. W. Andrews,
H. H. Bowen,
F. M. Kilpatrick,
Committee.

(No. 4.)

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHARACTER OF MINISTERS.

Bro. Moderator:

Your committee to whom has been assigned the duty of investigating the character of ministers in this Conference, report that so far as they have been enabled to learn, their character is above reproach. Respectfully submited.

J W. Trotman,
W. B. Cox,
J. C. Jenkins,
Committee.

(No. 5.)

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING PREACHERS LABORING WITHOUT AUTHORITY.

BY DR. H. D. HARPER.

Whereas, There is some irregularity among us, both as to preachers and churches; and whereas, This Conference is, in fact, the churches assembled; and whereas, This Conference has never assumed or used the authority, which from the very nature of the case, it should possess and use; Therefore be it·

Resolved, 1st, That all preachers shall be clothed with the proper authority, before they shall be recognized among the churches as preachers, or assume the care of any church.

Reeolved, 2nd. That when this body decides that any man should not preach its decision shall be respected. and that he shall cease to preach until the cause is removed, and he reinstated

Resolved, 3rd. That any such preacher who shall refuse to be governed by the decisions of this Conference, and shall continue to preach against its wishes, shall be published at least in our state organ.

Resolved, 4th. That any church employing such a man, shall be amenable to this Conference.

Resolved, 5th. That the officers of this Conference with three others persons to be appointed, shall constitute an evangelizing board, attending to all business needful when this body is not convened.

C. W. HOWARD,
DR. H. D. HARPER } Committee appointed by Conference.
WM. G. FORDHAM.

(No. 6.)

REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

During the past Conference year we have received, for evangelizing. in cash, $112; in pledges, $31.00. Paid to Bro. J. L. Winfield for four month services, $97.00; to Bro. Orvis for services, $15.00, leaving in hand $31,00 in pledges.
C. W. HOWARD, Corresponding Sec'y.

(No. 7.)

RESOLUTION TO SUSTAIN AN EVANGELIST IN PERQUIMANS COUNTY.

Resolved, That this Conference appoint Bro. H. C. Bowen as Evangelist for the section on the north side of Roanoke river and Albemarle Sound, during the ensuing year, and earnestly appeal to our brethren to help sustain him in said field. The sum required outside of the amount he may receive in said district, is only two hundred dollars. And that all the money now in the Treasury of the Conference be paid over to Bro. Bowen immediately, that he may enter at once upon his work.
J. LATHAM.

(No. 8.)

ON CHURCH STATISTICS AND FINANCE.

Brother Moderator:

Your committee on Church Statistics submit the following report: We find enrolled on our minutes one hundred churches; of these fifty-two are represented by delegates and letter; those represented report (3529) thirty-five hundred and twenty-nine members; and there have been received, by letter and baptism, four hundred and sixty-seven (467) died, forty-three, (43); excluded, thirty-one (31); dismissed, eighty-two (82). Minute fund, $69.18; mission fund, $17.00.

The churches in the counties of Buncombe, Davie, Surry, Stokes, Rockingham and Yadkin, as per last report have a membership of (272) two hundred and seventy-two; all of which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. ROUNTREE,
G. W. LANG. } Committee,
HEZEKIAH BROWN,

(No. 9.)

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE.

Whereas, There are urgent calls for the pure gospel to be preached in nearly all parts of the State; therefore,

Resolved, That the officers of this Conference, together with three other persons, to be nominated and elected by the Conference, be a standing committee of evangelizing, to continue as a working board until their successors shall be appointed at the next Conference.

Resolved, That one Lord's day in January, 1881, be set apart as a day of thanksgiving to God for the blessings of the past year, and for a special sermon on the duty of supporting the gospel, and that each church be requested to take up a collection on that day for that purpose, and the funds so raised be immediately sent to the Treasurer of this Conference.

Resolved. That the churches embraced in the several Union Meetings be requested to appoint some other day for the purpose of raising funds in a similar manner for their district work.

Resolved, That the Evangelizing Board hereby constituted be directed to co-operate with the officers of the Union Meetings as far as possible, and especially to co-operate in sustaining the Mission in Perquimans county.

H. D. Harper,
H. Brown,
N. S. Richardson,
Committee.

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Baptised.	Received	No. of Members.	Minute Fund.	Mission Fund.
Union Chapel,	Beaufort,	Not Represented,						139		
Union Chapel, Jr.,	"	" "						38		
Trinity,	"	J. L. Winfield, H. H. Hill,						35	$1 00	
Head of Pungo,	"	Not Represented,						39		
Tranters Creek,	"	" "						30		
White Hill,	"	" "						47		
Beaver Dam,	"	" "						190		
Blount's Creek,	"	" "						10		
Pantego,	"	" "						163		
Post Oak Chapel,	"	" "						20		
Old Ford,	"	E. T. Woodard, W. S. Cherry, R T. Hodges,		7	5	3		230	2 00	
Juniper Chapel,	"	Not Represented,						25		
Pungo Chapel,	"	" "						41		
Hartsfield, S. H.,	"	By Letter,				22	16	38	1 00	
Refuge,	Buncombe,	Not Represented,						30		
Bee Tree,	"	" "						30		
Asheville,	"	" "						15		
Kitt Swamp,	Craven,	B. H. Gaskins, J. A. Thomas,	4		1	8	4	75	1 00	
Alpha,	"	E. Philips, W. A. Ewell, W. R. Skinner,						20		
River Side,	"	J. L. Murphy, C. Kirkman, J. L. Gaskins,						57	1 00	
New Berne,	"	J. L. Winfield, N. S. Richardson,			1			8	1 00	$2 25
Vanceboro,	"	Not Represented,						18		
Stoney Branch,	"	C. J. Rhem, R. J. Brock,				3	3	23	1 50	
Dover,	"	S. S. Grace, J. Marshman,	1			13	7	35	1 50	
Mocksville,	Davie,	Not Represented,						35		

Plofftown,	Forsyth,	Not Represented,						150		
Wear Creek,	Carteret,	H. C Bowen,						16	$ 1 00	
Draughan's Chapel,	Edgecombe,	Not Represented,						39	1 00	
Battleboro,	"	" "						14		
Hookerton,	Greene,	J. H. Coward,	9		3	9	6	138	2 50	
Eden,	Hyde, Greene	J. B. Weber, George Taylor,	1			2	5	17	1 50	
Clark's S. H., HYDE	"	Not Represented,						20		
Neill's Chapel,	"	" "						19		
Swan Quarter,	"	" "						12		
Middleton,	"	" "						108		
Springfield,	"	" "						63		
Deep Spring,	Jones,	Z. T. Koonce,	2		3	2	1	30	1 00	
Shady Grove,	"	Curtis Heath,	3			4		39	1 00	
Tuckahoe,	"	Not Represented,						84		
Pleasant Hill,	"	W. G. Fordham, I. Gooding, G. P. Cox,			1			131	2 00	$10 00
White Oak,	"	Not Represented,						38		
Mill Creek,	Johnston,	By Letter,	2		6	22	3	216	3 00	
Wilson's Mills,	"	" "	6	2	1	18		39	2 00	
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	J. W. Brothers,			1	7		135	3 85	
Kinston,	"	A. J. Loftin, S. H. Rountree,	2		2	7	12	106	3 00	
Bethel,	"	S. W. Sumrell, C. P. Gaskin, W. F. McCoy,	5					84	1 00	4 75
South West,	"	J. C. Kennedy, L. T. Russell,				7	2	19	1 50	
Briery Swamp,	"	J. W. Pool, J. T Ward,	3		2	6	16	46	1 50	
Hebron,	"	Not Represented,						15		
Christian Chapel,	Martin,	" "						85		
Macedonia,	"	" "						52		
Robinsonville,	"	W. W. Andrews, J. L. Peel, J. R. Whitfield,				15		52	1 00	
Poplar Chapel,	"	By Letter,			5		14	78	1 00	
Zion's Grove,	"	S. Reason, J. B. Manning,	3			4	1	26	50	
Manning's S. H.,	"	Not Represented,						34		
Lebanon,	"	H. Brown, J. A. B. Cooper, Lewis Etheridge,			1	6	1	29	50	
Red Oak Mission,	Nash,	Not Represented,						7		
Christian Prospect,	Onslow,	By Letter,	4			11	8	66	1 00	
Union Chapel,	"	W. B. Cox, S. B. Taylor, E. Murril,				14	11	77	2 00	
Antioch,	Pitt,	W. R. Williams, J. R. Dixon, W. Parker,	4					86	2 00	
Berear,	"	P. A Allen, J A. Brily,	1	1	1	2	1	20	1 00	

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STATISTICAL TABLE.—Continued.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Died.	Baptised.	Received.	No. of Members.	Minute Fund.	Mission Fund.
Salem,	Pitt,	F. M. Kilpatrick,	2			16		115	$ 1 00	
Corinth,	"	Gideon Allen, W. G. Lang, R. A L. Carr,	3		1	2		48	3 00	
Timothy Chapel,	"	J. J. Moore, I. Moore,				14		77	1 00	
Rountree's,	"	John C. C. Jenkins,	2			16	1	59	1 50	
Oak Grove,	"	J. R Roberson, J. Turnage, B. Congleton,	1	5				87	2 50	
Mt. Pleaasnt,	"	W. Stancil, F. Ward,		1		3		79	1 50	
Madison,	Rockingham	Not Represented,						67		
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	James. M. Britt, G. W. Thornton,			1			143	2 00	
Sixrun's Chapel,	"	C T. Boyett,	1	6	1			98	1 50	
Albemarle,	Tyrrel,	Not Represented,				14		88		
Gum Neck,	"	" "				4		60		
Sound Side,	"	" "						23		
Sharon,	"	" "						70		
Long Acre Chapel,	Washington,	H. H. Bowen, C. B, Latham,						50	75	
Saint's Delight,	"	Not Represented,				15		84		
Chapel Hill,	"	" "						42		
Free Chapel,	"	" "						120		
Phillippi,	"	By Letter,	4					135	1 00	
Christian Hope,	"	Not Represented,						130		
Zion's Chapel,	"	" "						64		
Holly Neck,	"	" "						60		
Goldsboro Mission,	Wayne	" "						6		
Eureka,	"	N. B Hood,	10	2	2	6		157	1 10	
Wilson,	Wilson,	George Hackney, W. A. Barbara, J. W. Hines,			1		1	23	1 00	
Broad Creek,	Pamlico,	By Letter,	3		1	1		44	70	

Bethany,	Pamlico,	J. Sutton, J. R. Bowden, A. D. Rawls,		1		2	2	126	$ 1 63	
Bay Creek,	"	Not Represented,						59		
Concord,	"	" "				13	2	58		
Goose Creek,	"	By Letter,						60	75	
Bethlehem,	"	" "		1				75	1 85	
Stony Creek,	Surry,	Not Represented,						26		
Sulphur Springs,	"	" "						30		
Union Hill,	Stokes,	" "						24		
Mt. Nebo,	Yadkin,	" "						60		
White Oak,	Duplin,	John L. Tew, C. W. Hawley,	1					17	1 00	
Wynn Fork S. H.,	Perquimans,	J. W. Trotman,						50		
Sand Hill,	Duplin,	By Letter,						6	50	
Powell's Point.	Currituck,	" "						55	1 00	
Hartsfield's S. H.,	Beaufort,	" "								
			82	31	43	238	129	6221	$69 18	$17 00

Bethlehem

List of Preachers with their Post Office Address in Alphabetical Order.

Names of Preachers.	Post Offices.		
GIDEON ALLEN,	Marlboro, Pitt	county,	N. C.
STANLY AYERS,	Wynnville, Martin	do	do
H. C. BOWEN,	Hertford, Perquimans	do	do
HENRY D CASON,	Swan Quarter, Hyde	do	do
J. J. COLTRAIN,	Jamesville, Martin	do	do
W. H. COBB,	Whitakers, Edgecombe	do	do
ISAAC CHESTNUTT,	Maple Cypress, Craven	do	do
S. L. DAVIS,	Leechville, Beaufort	do	do
W. M. DAVIS,	Plymouth, Washington	do	do
J. T. DAVIS,	Ormondsville, Greene	do	do
J. G. GURGANUS,	Plymouth, Washington	do	do
HENRY S. GURGANUS,	Long Ridge, "	do	do
JNO. W. GURGANUS,	" " "	do	do
PETER E. HINES,	Wilson, Wilson	do	do
J. S. HENDERSON,	Swan Quarter, Hyde	do	do
S. W. HARDISON,	Jamesville, Martin	do	do
ISAAC P. HOLTON,	Grantsboro, Pamlico	do	do
J. W. P. HOLTON,	" "	do	do
A. J. HOLTON,	New Berne, Craven	do	do
J. J. HARPER,	Smithfield, Johnston	do	do
N. B. HOOD,	Grantham's Store,	do	do
DR. H. D. HARPER	Centreville, Pitt	do	do
C. W. HOWARD,	Kinston, Lenior	do	do
A C HART,	Hookerton, Greene	do	do
JOHN IDOL, (1878),	Bethania, Forsyth	do	do
IRVIN JONES,	Hookerton, Greene	do	do
GEO. JOYNER,	Marlboro, Pitt	do	do
GEO. W. JACKSON, (1878),	Long Ridge, Washington	do	do
JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Greenville, Pitt	do	do
AUGUSTUS LATHAM,	Leechville, Beaufort	do	do
P. T. LEHMAN, (1878),	Mt. Airy, Surry	do	do
D H MILLER,	Goldsboro, Wayne	do	do
JOHN NEWBERRY,	Scuppernong, Washington	do	do
SILAS PEACOCK,	Bethania, Forsyth	do	do
RICHARD POINDEXTER, (1878)	Mt. Nebo, Yadkin	do	do
T. W. PHILLIPS,	Pantego, Beaufort	do	do
T. ROEBUCK,	Wynnville, Martin	do	do
E. L. SOWERS,	Kinston, Lenoir	do	do
JOS. W. STEVENSON, [1878],	Wilson's Store, Stokes	do	do
R. T. SANDERS, [1878],	P. O. not known	do	do
R. J. TAYLOR,	Wilson, Wilson	do	do
L. J. TERRY,	P O. not known	do	do
JNO. R. WINFIELD,	Pantego, Beaufort	do	do
HENRY WINFIELD,	Robinsonville, Martin	do	do
J. L. WINFIELD, *Editor W. T*,	New Berne, Craven	do	do
DR. J. T. WALSH,	Kinston, Lenoir	do	do
A. C. WENTZ,	Lee's Mills, Washington	do	do
THOS. W. WHITLEY,	Hunter's Bridge, Beaufort	do	do
AUGUSTUS O. WARREN, [1879],	Edwardsville, "	do	do
R. W. STANCILL,	Lexington, Ky.		

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MINUTES

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—OF THE—

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Annual Convention of the Disciples of Christ assembled at Robinsonville, Martin county, October 6th, 7th and 8th. Dr. J. T. Walsh, of Kinston, preached the opening sermon from Phil. iv: 8, 9. His theme was Church organization, and the respective work of Elders, Deacons and Evangelists, and was discussed with marked ability.

FIRST DAY.

Dr. J. T. Walsh, Moderator of the Convention, took the chair and called the house to order: The following committee on permanent organization was appointed: Brethren R. T. Hodges, N. S. Richardson and J. W. Etheridge. They reported Dr. Walsh for Moderator, Elder Geo. Joyner, Assistant, Prof. C. W. Howard, Secretary, and Bro. H. C. Bowen, Assistant.

The Moderator elect on taking the chair made some practical remarks on the work of the Convention and the duty of each delegate. The following committees were appointed: On Preaching: Brethren H. D. Robinson, W. J. Bowen and P. H. Johnson; on Churches: N. S. Richardson, J. W. Hodges and Theophilus Keel; on Lord's day Schools: J. L. Winfield, I. L. Chestnutt and J. J. Woodley; on Evangelizing: J. C. C. Jenkins, C. W. Swain and J. W. Etheridge; on Ordination: C. W. Howard, J. L. Winfield and J. G. Gurganus; on Ministerial Character: R. T. Hodges, P. H. Johnson and J. C. C. Jenkins.

On motion, the roll of churches was called and several very encouraging letters were read.

The Committee on Preaching reported Elder G. Allen, of Marlboro, to preach to-night.

The Convention adjourned to Friday morning at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. I. L. Chestnutt. Bro. Allen preached at night from first chapter of James, and the sermon was truly a spiritual feast.

SECOND DAY.

The Convention was called to order by the Moderator, and opened with prayer by Bro. Geo. Joyner.

Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion of Bro. H. C. Bowen, Elders J. T. Pettifourd and W. A. James, two of our colored preachers, were invited to take seats in the Convention and participate in all the deliberations.

On motion, Bro. C. L. Davis was received as a delegate from Union Chapel.

On motion, Brethren O. K. Stilley and M. L. Stilley were received as delegates from Blount's Creek.

On motion, the churches at Manteo and Gaylord's School House were received and entered upon the minutes.

On motion, the names of Bros. R. J. Quidley, J. B. Parsons and T. B. Cox were ordered to be enrolled upon the minutes.

The Moderator called for the reports of preachers. Several submitted a condensed report of their year's labor, but was ordered not to be printed.

Dr. J. T. Walsh offered a resolution to divide the Convention into two sessions. The large territory and difficulty of getting a full delegation was the cause of the resolution. It failed to pass.

Bro. N. S. Richardson offered a resolution to change the time of holding the session. The resolution was rejected.

The Committee on Preaching reported Brethren J. L. Winfield and J. G. Gurganus to preach to-day at the stand, and Geo. Joyner at night in the church.

Bro. Joyner preached on the theme "Be ye holy." It was highly suggestive and practical.

THIRD DAY.

Convention met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Howard. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

Letters from churches, which had not been handed in on previous days, were called for and read.

On motion, Brethren J. G. Gurganus and J. J. Woodly were appointed delegates to the Colored Disciples Conference to be held on Roanoke Island on 4th Lord's day in September, 1882.

The Moderator made some appropriate remarks on the duty devolving on the white brethren to aid the colored Disciples in their annual meeting.

The Committee on Churches submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

WHEREAS, We the committee on churches and finance, find contributed to the minute fund $96.20, and to the mission fund $17.25. The irregular and disorderly system under which we labor is the source of much inconvenience in obtaining reports from the churches to the Annual Conference, therefore,

Resolved, That we recommend to the Conference the imperative necessity of arranging all our churches into convenient Evangelical Districts, so our congregations can have more and better care.

Resolved, That the Moderator of this Conference appoint a committee of ten or more, whose duty it shall be to make out a list of the churches from the minutes, arranging them into Evangelical districts, and submit the same to this Conference.

N. S. RICHARDSON, }
J. W. HODGES, } Com.
THEOPHILUS KEEL, }

In compliance with the above the Moderator appointed J. L. Winfield, George Joyner, R. T. Hodges, H. D. Harper, C. W. Swain, P. H. Johnson, H. C. Bowen, Dr. J. F. Latham, Theophilus Keel, J. W. Draughan, J. W. Etheridge and H. Brown, who submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

EVANGELICAL DISTRICTS.

Hyde District—Clark's S. H., Neal's Chapel, Swan Quarter and Middleton, J. R. WINFIELD, Evangelist.

Pantego District—Pungo Chapel, Head of Pungo, Post Oak, Pantego, and Union Chapel, GEORGE JOYNER, Evangelist.

Old Ford District—Beaver Dam, Old Ford, Tranters, Macedonia, Long Acre, A. LATHAM, Evangelist.

Robinsonville District—Oak Grove, Mt. Pleasant, Robinsonville, Christian Chapel and Lebanon, G. ALLEN, Evangelist.

Plymonth District—Bethlehem, Poplar Chapel, Chapel Hill and Saint's Delight, J. G. GURGANUS, Evangelist.

Christian Hope District—Christian Hope, Zion's Grove, Manning S. H., H. S. Gurganus, Evangelist.

Scuppernong District—Zion's Chapel, Holly Neck, Free Chapel, Philippi, Evangelist not chosen.

Columbia District—Albemarle, Sharon, Sound Side and Gum Neck, J. G. Gurganus and C. Swain, Evangelists.

Pamlico District—Bethany, Bethlehem, Concord, Bay Creek, Hartsfield's S. H., Goose Creek and Broad Creek, J. B. Parsons, Evangelist.

Kitt Swamp District—Blount's Creek, White Hill, Weir Creek and Kitt Swamp, A. J. Holton, Evangelist.

Vanceboro District—Alpha, Vanceboro, Union Chapel, Jr., and Trinity, J. T. Davis, Evangelist.

Salem District—River Side, Timothy, Rountree's and Salem, Dr. H. D. Harper, Evangelist.

Hookerton District—Hookerton, Antioch, Corinth and Berea, J. Latham, Evangelist.

Bethel District—Bethel, Wheat Swamp, Hebron and Eden, Dr. John T. Walsh, Evangelist.

Mill Creek District—Wilson's Mills, Mill Creek, Pleasant Union and Eureka, J. J. Harper, Evangelist.

Deep Spring District—Haskin's Chapel, South West, White Oak and Deep Spring, A. C. Hart, Evangelist.

Dover District—Briery, Sand Hill, Six Run's Chapel, White Oak (Duplin) and Dover, E. L. Sowers, Evangelist.

Onslow District—Pleasant Hill, Tuckahoe, Union Chapel and Christian Prospect, H. C. Bowen, Evangelist.

Roanoke District—Powell's Point and Manteo, H. Winfield, Evangelist.

New-Berne District—New-Berne and Stony Branch, J. L. Winfield, Evangelist.

Kinston—E. E. Orvis, Evangelist.

Wilson—M. T. Moye, Evangelist.

The Committee on Ministerial Character submitted the following report:

Your committee to whom has been assigned the duty of investigating the character of ministers of this Conference report, so far as they have been able to learn, their characters are above reproach, except Bro. Stanly Ayres; from the best information we can obtain he does not belong to any organized congregation. Bros. H. D. Miller and R. J. Taylor do not preach at all, still they are not too old for service. Therefore we submit this report for your consideration. All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. T. Hodges, }
P. H. Johnson, } Com.
J. C. C. Jenkins, }

The Committee on Ordination submitted the following report:

We, the committee on ordination, find no applicant for ordination at this Conference.

J. L. Winfield,
C. W. Howard,
J. G. Gurganus, Com.

The Committee in the case of Bro. C. Heath submitted the following report:

The committee in the case of Bro Curtis Heath, beg leave to report, that having examined him with reference to qualifications and character, they do not deem him qualified for general evangelizing work, but think he is much devoted to the cause, and is capable of doing good in a local sphere, and as such we recommend his name to be put on the list of preachers.

Josephus Latham,
H. D. Harper,
C. W. Howard,
J. T. Walsh, Com.

On motion, Dr. H. D. Harper was appointed a delegate to the Annual Convention of the Disciples in Western Carolina, and Bro. J. L. Winfield, alternate.

Bro. H. C. Bowen, the Perquimans Evangelist, submitted the following report. which was received and adopted:

The Evangelist of Perquimans Mission reported, that he had labored one year in that field, confining himself to a small compass; received from all sources $342.91; raised for building purposes, about $50; distributed about two thousand pages of tracts; added nineteen to the church; and assisted the church in securing the services of Bro. J. G. Gurganus for next Conference year. He recommended to strengthen the weak churches. instead of occupying new fields.

The Committee on Lord's day Schools submitted the following report, which was received and adopted:

Your committee on Lord's day schools beg leave to submit the following report:

1. The meagre and imperfect report from the churches does not furnish sufficient data to enable us in making a statement which will tend to increase the interest in our schools.

2. The cold lethargy that pervades our schools grows out in a large extent from a want of better system and order in our churches. We can have no successful schools unless they are cared for by the pastor or Evangelist.

3. That in the sense of your committee we recommend to this convention the importance of organizing and putting in operation all of our Sunday school forces, by calling together all the friends of the movement in a Sunday school convention. We must organize and draw out the talent of our teachers and superintendents, and this can only be done by holding annual Sunday school conventions.

We earnestly hope this will engage your earnest attention.

J. L. Winfield,
I. L. Chestnutt, } Com.
J. J. Woodley,

The Moderator appointed Brethren J. L. Winfield, H. C. Bowen, Dr. J. F. Latham, J. W. Etheridge and O. K. Stilley a Committee on programme, and also to arrange time and place for holding a Sunday school convention.

Bro. N. D. Myers, Treasurer of the Conference, submitted the following report:

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING OCTOBER 8TH, 1881.

Kinston, N. C., October 4th, 1881.

January 20th	Cash received from Bro. J. Latham from Hookerton Church,	$6.75
February 4th	From Bro. W. G. Fordham from Pleasant Hill Church,	1.35
" 6th	From Bro. Butler from Salem Church,	1.81
March 18th	From Oak Grove Church,	3.00
June 20th	From Bro. H. D. Harper from Bethlehem Church,	4.55
		$ 17.46
July 20th	Paid to Bro. H. C. Bowen out of the above,	12.14
	Balance on hand in Treasury,	$ 5.32
	Bro. Bowen's receipts not from myself,	187.86
	Bro. Bowen's receipts from myself,	12.14
	Total,	$200.00

N. D. Myers, Treasurer.

Bro. C. W. Howard offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the resolution requiring preachers to submit for publication a report of their year's work, be rescinded, and the reports presented at this Conference be left off the minutes. Adopted.

Petitions for the next session of the Conference were taken up, and it was appointed to be held at Timothy Chapel, Pitt county, N. C., Thursday before the second Lord's day in October, 1882.

Elder George Joyner was appointed to preach the opening sermon, and Elder J. L. Winfield alternate.

The Committee on Evangelizing submitted the following report, which was adopted:

Brother Moderator:—

Your committee on evangelizing beg leave to make the following report: So far as the destitute points, within our bounds, which require missionary labor, we are not sufficiently informed, to make any recommendation as to the future action of your Christian body.

The evangelizing in Perquimans county has been done by Bro. H. C. Bowen, a report of which is submitted to your body by him.

We desire to call the attention of your Christian body to the condition of the church worshipping at Manteo, Dare county.

We find from the ill health of our beloved brother, I. L. Chestnutt, and other causes beyond his control, that he cannot serve the church at Manteo longer than the first day of November. The said church is therefore without a preacher, and as no aid has ever been extended to them by this Conference, we recommend that they at least receive the same encouragement as the church in Perquimans did last year, to enable them to employ a preacher to serve them at Manteo and Powell's Point. We would also recommend to this body (if the finances can be raised) that a competent evangelist be appointed—under such instructions as your Christian body choose to give—whose duty it shall be to visit all destitute churches and preach and scripturally set them in order. All of which we respectfully submit.

J. C. C. Jenkins, Chm'n,
C. W. Swain,
J. W. Etheridge,
Com.

In harmony with the above report, a collection was then taken in cash and pledges, to aid the Manteo and Powell's Point missions, which was responded to very liberally.

On motion, Bro. J. L. Winfield was appointed to transcribe and prepare the minutes for publication, and he be allowed $10 for transcribing and $12 for mailing.

On motion of Bro. J. B. Respess, the money on hand be turned over to Bro. Winfield for that purpose.

Bro. J. J. Woodley offered the following resolution of thanks, which was adopted:

Resolved, That this convention tender its thanks to the citizens of this place and the surrounding country for their kindness and hospitality while in convention assembled.

On motion, the mission fund sent to Conference, be turned over to the Treasurer, N. D. Myers.

On, motion, Bro. J. G. Gurganus was appointed to write the obituary of Elder John Newberry, Bro. H. Winfield of Elder J. J. Coltrain and Bro. J. Latham of Elder S. L. Davis.

On motion, the Moderator appointed Elder J. Latham to correspond with brethren Ayres, Taylor and Miller, mentioned in the report of the committee on ministerial character, and report at next session of the Conference.

On motion, a collection was ordered to be taken up tomorrow at the stand and church and the proceeds be given to Bethlehem, Perquimans county, and Manteo, to aid them in building a house of worship.

A vote of thanks was extended to the officers of the Convention for the faithful manner in which they had performed their labors.

Agreed to meet at 10 o'clock to break the symbolic loaf.

To-day's session closed with prayer by Dr. W. H. Cobb.

LORD'S DAY.

Met at 8:30. Prayer by brother J. J. Woodley.

On motion, the editor of the *Greenville Express* was invited to a seat in the Conference, and the Secretary was requested to furnish him with the minutes of Conference.

On motion, Dr. H. D. Harper and N. D. Myers was appointed to act with the officers of the Conference, attending to all business when the Conference is not in session.

A collection in cash and subscriptions was taken up to aid the Roanoke mission.

NOTE—As the amount of the collection is unknown to the transcriber he cannot report it here.

During the debate on who should labor for the respective districts, Bro. H. C. Bowen read the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Conference recommend to the evangelical districts a suitable Evangelist, whose field of labor shall be in the boundary of the districts; and if the Evangelist thus recommended is unsuited to the field, that he assist the churches in securing the services of an Evangelist to meet the desired end.

The above resolution was adopted, and the Evangelists recommended appear in the respective districts.

On motion, the Conference adjourned to meet at time and place specified. Prayer by Bro. J. Latham.

J. T. WALSH, *Moderator.*

C. W. Howard, *Secretary.*

REMARKS.

Dr. Walsh preached in the house to a large and attentive congregation on Lord's day, and Dr. Harper preached to a goodly number at the stand.

Thus closed a pleasant and profitable session of the Conference.

We feel it to be our imperative duty to state, that all the imperfections, omissions and irregularities that may appear in the proceedings, reports and resolutions, is from the fact that the transcriber is not in possession of the necessary data to make the minutes in every way free from criticism. The Secretary of the Convention, (we perhaps had better say Secretaries,) failed to note everything as it appeared, and as there was such a demand for paper, in many instances, valuable notes were taken from the table and used promiscuously. We have, therefore, been compelled to make up the minutes, in some parts, from our personal recollection, and no doubt have some of the proceedings in the third day which should have appeared in the second. We have done the best we could under the circumstances, and trust our explanation will be satisfactory. We need more order and system at our annual meetings, and there will be more order and less inaccuracies in our minutes.

We have great cause for rejoicing over the work of the Conference. There was nothing of special importance done, but we did succeed in getting our forces in proper shape, that in future we can report a work that will be an honor to the brotherhood. The work of the Convention is summed up as follows:

1. Arranging our churches into evangelical districts, and recommending an Evangelist to give his whole time to the work.

2. Appointing a committee to arrange programme, time and place for a Sunday school convention. A cold lethargy has pervaded our Sunday school interest for a long time, and this will awaken a new and lively interest in this important factor in the Church of Christ.

3. The Treasurer's report, by no means as large as it ought to be, is quite a gain on previous years. If our district plan is properly worked by the Evangelists, the Treasurer's report will be much larger in the future.

4. The report of the Perquimans Evangelist is all that could be expected under the circumstances.

5. The Roanoke mission is to be supported by voluntary contributions. One hundred dollars is now needed in addition to pledges and what the mission can pay. We should make an effort at once to raise the deficit.

6. Our numerical strength, in the State, is not definitely known; but we think that from the best information we number, including our colored brethren, about 14,000.

Our future outlook is very encouraging' and if the Evangelists perform their duty faithfully, the success of our cause will in one year be beyond our most sanguine expectations. J. L. W.

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CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	DELEGATES.	Dis. by Letter.	Excluded.	Died.	Baptized.	Recd. by Letter.	No. of Members.	Minute Fund.	Mission Fund.
Old Ford,	Beaufort,	R. T. Hodges,	15	3	2	2	2	223	$ 2 50	$
Union Chapel,	"	C. L. Davis,			4	1	1	126	2 00	
Pantego,	"	P. H. Johnson, Jas. H, Jarvis,	1	1		14	6	176	3 40	
Beaver Dam,	"	Charles E. Woolard, John B. Respess,			1	5		174	1 00	
Trinity,	"	By Letter,				1		35	1 00	
Head of Pungo,	"	"				3	6	50	1 00	
Tranters Creek,	"	George Britton,		1				42	1 00	
Blount's Creek,	"	O. K. Stilley, Marshall Stilley,						10		
White Hill,	"	Jos. Edwards,		1				30	1 00	
Post Oak Chapel,	"	By Letter,	1	1			1	33	25	
Union Chapel, Jr.,	"	Not Represented,						38		
Juniper Chapel,	"	" "						25		
Pungo Chapel,	"	Jas. F. Latham,			2	18	1	49	1 10	
Hartsfield's S. H.,	"	Not Represented,						38		
Gaylord's S. H.,	"	George C. Respass,				15		24	1 00	
Pamlico Chapel,	"	By Letter,	1		1	2	1	26	10	
Refuge,	Buncombe,	Not Represented,						30		
Bee Tree,	"	" "						30		
Asheville,	"	" "						15		
Kitt Swamp,	Craven,	By Letter,			1			75	1 00	
Alpha,	"	Not Represented,						20		
River Side,	"	C. J. Atkinson, John Gaskins,		5	1			54	2 00	
New Berne,	"	N. S. Richardson, J. L. Winfield.						9	1 50	4 25

Vanceboro,	Craven,	Not Represented,						18		
Stoney Branch,	"	By Letter,			1			23	50	80
Dover,	"	Not Represented,						35		
Wear Creek,	Carteret,	" "						16		
Powell's Point,	Currituck,	" "						55		
Sand Hill,	Duplin,	By Letter,			1	1	2	8	50	
White Oak,	"	Not Represented,						17		
Manteo,	Dare,	J. W. Etheridge,			1	12	3	58	1 00	1 00
Mocksville,	Davie,	Not Represented,						35		
Bethany,	Edgecombe,	Wm. F. Draughan,				10		43	2 00	
Battleboro,	"	Not Represented,						14		
Plofftown,	Forsythe,	" "						150		
Hookerton,	Greene,	A. C. Hart, Elias Albritton,	4		1			129	2 50	
Eden,	"	By Letter,		4	2	6	4	75	1 50	
Clark's S. H.,	Hyde,	Not Represented,				16		36		
Neil s Chapel,	"	" "				18		37		
Swan Quarter,	"	By Letter,				16	4	30		
Middleton,	"	"	7	1		32		126	1 00	
Springfield,	"	"						63		
Haskins Chapel,	Jones,	Curtis Heath, G. W. Harrell,				9	20	52	1 00	
Deep Spring,	"	By Letter,				1		31	1 00	
Shady Grove,	"	Not Represented,						39		
Tuckahoe,	"	By Letter,	2	3	3			72	1 00	
Pleasant Hill,	"	"			1			131	2 00	
White Oak,	"	"						42	1 00	
Mill Creek,	Johnston,	"		1	3		1	212	2 80	
Wilson's Mills,	"	"	2	1	1	5		45	1 50	
Wheat Swamp,	Lenoir,	"			1	3		134	4 10	
Kinston,	"	J. T. Walsh, C. W. Howard,			2	1	1	103	4 00	
Bethel,	"	I. L. Chestnutt, L. H. Kilpatrick,			7			79	2 00	
South West,	"	C. W. Howard,			1		1	19	50	
Briery,	"	By Letter,			2			46	1 50	
Hebron,	"	Not Represented,						15		
Christian Chapel,	Martin,	McG. Britton, Edward Roebuck, Henry Wynn,		2		1		56	1 00	
Macedonia,	"	E. K. Powell, J. H. Woolard, T. S. Holiday,						41	1 50	

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Robinsonville, ...	Martin,	W. W. Andrews, J, B. Robinson, J. R. Whitfield,		2	1			48	$ 1 50	$
Poplar Chapel, ...	"	Jas. W. Robinson, Joseph B. Jones, ...			2		3	82	1 00	
Zion's Grove, ...	"	G, W. Wynn, Samuel Reason, ...	2	4	1			19	50	
Manning's S. H., ...	"	By Letter, ...			2			56	65	
Lebanon, ...	"	S. T. Glissen, H. Brown, Calvin Johnson, ...			1	2		29	1 00	1 00
Red Oak Mission, ..	"	Not Represented, ...						7		
Christian Prospect, .	Onslow,	By Letter, ...			1	3	2	73	1 00	
Union Chapel, ...	"	"	1	1		8		84	2 00	
Antioch, ...	Pitt,	George Joyner, W. R. Williams, ...	2					84	2 00	
Berea, ...	"	J. W. Smith, W. H. May, ...				2	3	22	75	
Salem, ...	"	Theo. Bland, F. M. Kilpatrick	1		2		2	106	2 00	1 60
Corinth, ...	"	Josiah Dixon.	1	1	1			45	2 50	2 50
Timothy Chapel	"	Josephus Causey, ...	1	7	1	13		89	2 00	
Rountree's, ...	"	John C. Jenkins, R. C. Cannon, ...						56	1 20	
Oak Grove, ...	"	Theo. Keel, J. J. Rawls, Henry Taylor		3	2			82	2 00	
Mt. Pleasant, ...	"	F. Ward, W. Stancill, ...			1	1		75	2 00	
Broad Creek, ...	Pamlico, ...	By Letter, ...			1			47	1 00	
Bethany, ...	"	"				2		128	2 00	
Bay Creek, ...	"	"	2		1	10		52	1 00	
Concord, ...	"	"			1	12	7	67	30	
Goose Creek, ...	"	"			1			60	75	
Bethlehem, ...	"	"	1		1	2		75	2 00	
Bethlehem, ...	Perquimans	H. C. Bowen, J. J. Smith, ...		3	1	13	2	69	1 50	7 00

Madison,	Rockingh'm	Not Represented,						67	$	$
Pleasant Union,	Sampson,	By Letter,	1			23		172	2 50	
Six Runs,	"	Not Represented,						98		
Stoney Creek,	Surry,	" "						26		
Sulphur Springs,	"	" "						30		
Union Hill,	Stokes,	" "						24		
Albemarle,	Tyrrell,	" "			3		1	88		
Gum Neck,	"	James Dillon,		1	2			70	1 00	
Sharon,	"	Jesse Volliver,	1			10	1	60	1 00	
Long Acre,	Washington	W. J. Bowen,		1	2	4	2	60	1 00	
Saint's Delight,	"	C. W. Swain,			2	3	3	69		
Chapel Hill,	"	Not Represented,						42		
Free Chapel,	"	By Letter,			4	1		108	70	
Philippi,	"	J. J. Woodley.		1	5	50		206	1 00	
Christian Hope,	"	L. A. Sillivant, J. R. Sillivant,		3	5	1		110	1 00	
Zion's Chapel,	"	Not Represented,						64		
Holly Neck,	"	" "						60		
Goldsboro Mission,	Wayne,	" "						6		
Eureka,	"	By Letter,			1	4	1	171	1 60	
Wilson,	Wilson,	"	1		1			23	2 00	
Mt. Nebo,	Yadkin,	Not Represented,						60		
			47	52	87	235	95	6971	$96 20	$17 25
Number of Colored members in the State,								1556		
								8527		

List of Preachers with their Post Office Address in Alphabetical Order.

Names of Preachers.	Post Offices.			
GIDEON ALLEN,	Marlboro,	Pitt	county,	N. C.
STANLY AYRES,	Wynnville,	Martin	"	"
H. C. BOWEN,	Catharine Lake,	Onslow	"	"
HENRY D. CASON,	Swan Quarter,	Hyde	"	"
W. H. COBB,	Whitakers,	Edgecombe	"	"
ISAAC L. CHESTNUTT,	Kinston,	Lenoir	"	"
T. B. COX,	"	"	"	"
W. M. DAVIS,	White Marsh,	Washington	"	"
J. T. DAVIS,	Ormondsville,	Greene	"	"
J. G. GURGANUS,	Plymouth	Washington	"	"
HENRY S. GURGANUS,	Long Ridge,	"	"	"
JNO. W. GURGANUS,	"	"	"	"
PETER E. HINES,	Wilson,	Wilson	"	"
J. S. HENDERSON,	Fairfield,	Hyde	"	"
S. W. HARDISON,	Jamesville,	Martin	"	"
ISAAC P. HOLTON,	Grantsboro,	Pamlico	"	"
J. W. P. HOLTON,	"	"	"	"
A. J. HOLTON,	New Berne,		"	"
J. J. HARPER,	Smithfield,	Johnston	"	"
N. B. HOOD,	Grantham's Store,	Wayne	"	"
DR. H. D. HARPER,	Centreville,	Pitt	"	"
C. W. HOWARD,	Kinston,	Lenoir	"	"
C. HEATH,	"	"	"	"
A. C. HART,	Hookerton,	Greene	"	"
JOHN IDOL,	Bethania,	Forsyth	"	"
IRVIN JONES,	Hookerton,	Greene	"	"
GEO. JOYNER,	Marlboro,	Pitt	"	"
GEO. W. JACKSON,	Long Ridge,	Washington	"	"
JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Greenville,	Pitt	"	"
AUGUSTUS LATHAM,	Washington,	Beaufort	"	"
P. T. LEHMAN,	Mt. Airy,	Surry	"	"
D. H. MILLER,	Goldsboro,	Wayne	"	"
SILAS PEACOCK,	Bethania,	Forsyth	"	"
RICHARD POINDEXTER,	Mt. Nebo,	Yadkin	"	"
T. W. PHILLIPS,	Pantego,	Beaufort	"	"
J. B. PARSONS,	Grantsboro,	Pamlico	"	"
R. J. QUIDLEY,	Pantego,	Beaufort	"	"
T. ROEBUCK,	Wynnville,	Martin	"	"
E. L. SOWERS,	Kinston,	Lenoir	"	"
JOS. W. STEVENSON,	Wilson's Store,	Stokes	"	"
R. T. SANDERS,	P. O. not known		"	"
R. J. TAYLOR,	Wilson,	Wilson	"	"
L. J. TERRY,	P. O. not known		"	"
JNO. R. WINFIELD,	Leechville,	Beaufort	"	"
HENRY WINFIELD,	Robinsonville		"	"
J. L. WINFIELD, *Editor W.T.*,	New Berne,	Craven	"	"
DR. J. T. WALSH,	Kinston,	Lenoir,	"	"
A. C. WENTZ,	Lee's Mills,	Washington	"	"
THOS. W. WHITLEY,	Hunter's Bridge,	Beaufort	"	"
AUGUSTUS O. WARREN,	Lake Butler,	Florida.		
R. W. STANCILL,	Lexington,	Kentucky.		

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October 5th, 6th and 7th, 1882.

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PROCEEDINGS.

The Annual Convention of the Disciples of Christ met with the church at Timothy Chapel, Pitt county, N. C., October 5th. Bro. J. L. Burns, of the Roanoke district, preached the opening sermon. His theme was "Co-operation," which was discussed with characteristic ability.

Dr. John T. Walsh, Moderator of the Convention, took the chair and called the house to order. The chair appointed the following committee on permanent organization: S. H. Rountree, T. C. Davis and G. M. Silverthorn. This committee reported the following permanent officers: For Moderator, J. J. Harper; Assistant, George Joyner; Secretary, R. T. Hodges; Assistant, J. V. Harper.

FIRST DAY.

The Moderator took the chair and gave an outline of the work of the Convention and his work as presiding officer of the assembly.

On motion, one delegate be appointed from each Evangelical district, to constitute a committee on readjustment of districts, recommendations and compensation. The chair appointed the following brethren: S. H. Rountree, Chairman, W. R. Williams, Secretary, W. B. Cox, T. C. Davis, Calvin Stokes, C. T. Barwick, E. W. Humphrey, J. B. Brinson, W. F. Lancaster, I. N. Keel, D. W. Davis, E. B. Gurganus, J. W. Hodges, J. T. Wilkinson, J. W. Trotman, G. M. Silverthorn, W. J. Bowen C. W. Swain, W. B. Brickhouse and Alfred Gaskins.

On motion, the following order of business was adopted:

1. Call the Convention to order.
2. Devotional exercises.
3. Calling the Roll.
4. Reading the proceedings.
5. Petitions and Resolutions.
6. Reports from Standing Committees.
7. Miscellaneous business.

On motion, the third order be construed to include the reading of letters from the churches.

The following committees were appointed by the chair: On Evangelizing, E. E. Orvis, J. C. C. Jenkins and C. W. Swain; On Ordination, Dr. J. T. Walsh, J. L. Winfield and S. B. Taylor; On Ministerial Character, W. R. Parker, G. F. Flynn and S. H. Rountree; On Divine Services, Calvin Stokes, Calvin Kirkman, I. K. Wetherington; On Churches, J. B. Respess, P. H. Johnson, S. W. Sumrell; On Lord's Day Schools, H. C. Bowen, I. L. Chestnutt, J. L. Burns.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

SECOND DAY.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. H. S. Gurganus. Proceedings of yesterday read and approved.

On motion, the new churches at South Shore and White Children S. H. be received and enrolled upon the minutes.

On motion, the name of the new church organized at White Children S. H. be changed to Grantsboro.

On motion, the speeches at this Convention be limited to five minutes.

On motion, the $15.47 in the Treasury be paid to Bro. J. L. Burns.

On motion, this Convention adjourn to-morrow at 11 o'clock, in favor of the Ministerial Association. The remainder of the day was consumed in the discussion of various subjects.

There being no further business the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

THIRD DAY.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. J. T. Davis. Minutes of yesterday read and approved.

On motion, Red Oak Chapel and the Goldsboro Mission be dropped from the minutes.

On motion, Brethren Dr. J. T. Walsh, E. E. Orvis and H. D. Harper were appointed delegates to the Colored Disciples' Convention at Stonington, Lenoir county, to commence on Thursday before the 4th Lord's day in October 1882.

On motion, the time of holding the annual Convention be changed from Thursday to Wednesday, thus making it assemble one day earlier. The Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock.

The Ministerial Association, with Bro. Geo. Joyner in the chair, held its session according to announcement.

The Convention was called to order at 2 o'clock.

On motion, the Evangelical Conference year commence on the first of January and close on the last of December.

On motion, the name of the lamented J. G. Gurganus be erased from the roll of preachers in consequence of his death. Bro. H. Winfield was appointed to prepare a suitable obituary and it printed with the minutes of the Convention.

On motion, Bro. Josephus Latham was appointed to wait on Bro. T. B. Cox, concerning his ministerial character.

On motion, the names of brethren E. E. Orvis, M. T. Moye, J. L. Burns and C. H. Swain be enrolled among the list of preachers.

On motion, the obituaries of brethren J. J. Coltrain and John Newberry be reprinted from the WATCH-TOWER in the proceedings of this Convention.

On motion, brethren J. L. Burns and H. S. Gurganus were appointed to the Colored Convention in Bertie county.

Bro. J. W. Hodges was elected Treasurer of the Annual Convention for one year. Brethren Dr. H. D. Harper and J. L. Winfield were elected associates of the Official Board.

On motion, the minute fund be turned over to the Editor of the WATCH-TOWER and he be required to transcribe, print and mail as many copies as the funds will justify. Also that he be allowed $10 for his services.

Petitions for the next Convention were presented from Kinston, Wheat Swamp and Antioch. Antioch receiving the largest number of votes it was declared the place.

On motion, by Bro. Orvis, the opening sermon hereafter be written and printed with the proceedings of the Convention. On motion, Bro. E. E. Orvis was appointed to deliver the next opening sermon and Bro. H. C. Bowen his alternate.

The Convention then adjourned to meet at Antioch on Wednesday before the second Lord's day in October 1883.

The unusual amount of business dispatched by the Convention, and the zeal manifested in behalf of our cause made the session productive of good results. The large delegation may never assemble again, but by a faithful continuance in well doing we shall meet in that

"Bright, beautiful heaven."

J. J. HARPER, *Moderator.*

R. T. HODGES, *Secretary.*

DIVINE SERVICES.

Bro. J. J. Woodly preached Thursday night, on the "New Birth." He advanced a new idea—the new birth is not fully consummated until the Resurrection.

Bro. Aug. Latham preached Friday morning on "Love." It was a lovely discourse, and in his inimitable style.

Bro. H. C. Bowen preached Friday evening on the "Complete Preparation." The discourse was complete and well prepared.

Bro. E. E. Orvis preached at Salem at night on the "New Life." He gave a homilitical exposition, which was happily received.

Bro. G. Allen preached Saturday morning. The sermon was full of wise suggestions and was well received.

Bro. Geo. Joyner preached Saturday evening on "Denominational Fraternity." It was a strong sermon in favor of a better fraternal spirit manifested towards those not of us.

Bro. J. B. Parsons preached Saturday night. His sermon was well received and did the speaker credit.

Bro. H. Winfield preached Saturday night at Salem. The effort was strong and able.

The venerable Dr. J. T. Walsh preached in the church Lord's day on "Forgiveness." It was a practical discourse and delivered at the proper season.

Bro. J. J. Harper preached at the stand on "A Plea for Preaching." It was a masterly effort and struck a very popular error.

Bro. E. E. Orvis preached at the Methodist Church on the "Restoration of Primitive Christianity." The sermon was designed to show the necessity of the faith and worship of the early christians.

The services during the Convention reflected much credit on the Evangelists, and were well received by the immense throng that attended.

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

The Committee on Lord's day Schools submitted the following report:

We, the committee on Lord's day Schools, recommend that the entire business of our schools be transfered to the Sunday School Convention, and that hereafter it be omitted from the order of business of this Convention. Adopted.

I. L. Chestnutt, }
J. L. Burns, } Com.
H. C. Bowen, }

The Committee on Ordination reports as follows:

1. That no one should be ordained to the work of the ministry without the knowledge and commendation of the church to which he belongs.

2. That every applicant for ordination, before being set apart to the work of an Evangelist, should be examined by a competent Evangelist, assisted by the Elders of the church to which said applicant belongs, as to his knowledge of the gospel, and his mental, moral and religious capacity and standing.

3. We deem it necessary, that any applicant for ordination should at least possess a respectable knowledge of English grammar and as many of the collateral branches of English as possible; and that every such applicant should be of studious habits, and give attention to reading and prayer, that their profiting may appear unto all, and that they study to show themselves approved unto God, rightly dividing the word of truth.

4. Nothing in this report is designed to reflect discredit on any of the preachers now doing good and acceptable service, but to guard in the future against the hasty and unwise admission of unqualified persons to ordination. Adopted.

J. T. Walsh, }
J. L. Winfield, } Com.
S. B. Taylor, }

The Committee on Ministerial Character makes the following report:

We, the committee on Ministerial Character, report that so far as our knowledge extends all the ministers are discharging their duty faithfully, except T. B. Cox whose moral character we cannot vouch for. Adopted.

W. R. Parker, }
Geo. F. Flynn, } Com.
S. H. Rountree, }

Bro. J. B. Parsons introduced the following:

WHEREAS, Our district plan makes no provisions for enlarging our missionary work beyond the evangelical districts; and

WHEREAS, We believe that the church cannot discharge its mission if it neglects general missionary work; therefore

Resolved, That all our Evangelists be requested to preach a discourse on home and foreign missions during the evangelical year, and collections be taken up for missionary purposes.

The above resolution was adopted after the following amendment by Bro. Orvis:

Resolved, That the collections taken be forwarded to A. McLean, Secretary of Foreign Missions, Cincinnati, Ohio, for the support of the mission in India.

Dr. Walsh introduced the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the brethren, sisters and citizens for their kind hospitality during this meeting, and also, to the officers of the Convention for the dignified and efficient manner in which they have discharged their duties.

EVANGELICAL DISTRICTS.

Roanoke.—Manteo, Powell's Point and Bethlehem; J. L. BURNS—$400.

Tyrrell.—Gum Neck, Sharon, Sound Side, and Albemarle; J. W. GURGANUS—$300.

Scuppernong.—Free Chapel, Philippi, Holly Neck, and Saints' Delight; A. C. WENTZ—$300.

Plymouth.—Zion's Chapel, Chapel Hill, Long Acre and Christian Hope; H. S. GURGANUS—$200.

Robersonville.—Lebanon, Zion's Grove, Robersonville, Christian Chapel, Poplar Chapel and Manning's S. H.; J. R. WINFIELD—$300.

Mt. Pleasant.—Mt. Pleasant and Oak Grove; J. L. WINFIELD—$200.

Old Ford.—Tranter's Creek, Old Ford, Beaver Dam and Macedonia; AUG. LATHAM—$300.

Pantego.—Pantego, Pungo Chapel and Union Chapel; G. JOYNER-$400.

Hyde.—O'Neal's Chapel, Swan Quarter, Middleton, Springfield and Hatteras; J. B. PARSONS—$400.

Pungo.—Head of Pungo, Clark's S. H. and New Lake; D. H. ADAMS,$100

Farmville.—Rountree's, Berea, Corinth, Antioch; I. L. CHESTNUTT,$400.

Hookerton.—Eden, Wheat Swamp, Hookerton, and Hebron; JOSEPHUS LATHAM—$400.

Salem.—Timothy, River Side, Salem, and Bethel; G. ALLEN—$400.

Onslow.—Jacksonville, Union Chapel, Christian Prospect, Tuckahoe, and Pleasant Hill; H. C. BOWEN—$300.

Jones.—Haskin's Chapel, Deep Spring, White Oak, and Sand Hill; D. W. DAVIS, Assistant—$125.

Mill Creek.—Pleasant Union, Eureka, Mill Creek, and Six Runs; N. B. HOOD—$200.

Wilson.—Wilson's Mills, Wilson, and Bethany; J. J. HARPER—$600.

New Berne.—South West, Stony Branch, and New Berne; C. W. HOWARD—$150.

Pamlico.—Broad Creek, Goose Creek, Bethany, Dawson's Creek, Bethlehem, and Concord; J. T. DAVIS—$300.

Kitt Swamp.—Alpha, Union Chapel, Trinity, Blount's Creek, Weir Creek, and Kitt Swamp; A. J. HOLTON—$300.

White Hill.—Bay Creek, White Hill, Hartsfield, and Grantsboro; J. W. P. HOLTON—$150.

North Creek.—Pamlico Chapel, Wadespoint, Post Oak, and Shiloh; T. W. WHITLEY—$100.

Kinston.—Kinston; E. E. ORVIS—$600.

State Evangelist.—DR. H. D. HARPER.

S. H. ROUNTREE, *Chairman.*

W. R. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

OBITUARIES.

ELDER S. L. DAVIS.

The subject of this sketch was born September 6, 1820, and died May 18, 1831. In his death the Disciples l~~o~~ose a plain, yet simple and faithful servant of the church. He was ordained to the work of an Evangelist in 1855. He wielded the sword of the Spirit nearly a quarter of a century, and in his public and private ministrations he was a christian of the highest type. He often exposed himself to rain and snow, travelling and preaching the word. Bro. Davis was an uneducated man, but we have few men better educated in the Bible, and few ~~who was~~ more devoted to the cause of the pure gospel. The churches in Hyde county were nurtured and guarded by him. Their present prosperity is owing to the good seed he sowed. He loved all the congregations over which he had the oversight, and spared no pains to build them up in the most holy faith. He was a kind husband, an affectionate father and a sympathizing friend. He bore his suffering with great fortitude and calmly, peacefully and heroicly yielded up his spirit and fell asleep in Jesus. May our lives be paterned after his and may we die with the same resignation, leaving behind an untainted record and the highest eulogy—"he went about doing good."

J. R. WINFIELD.

ELDER J. J. COLTRAIN.

The subject of this sketch was born in Martin county, April 9, 1814, and died September 26, 1881. He was baptized by Eld. H. D. Cason, and united with the church November 3, 1853. He at once established an altar of prayer in his family and began to preach the gospel. On the 12th of Nov. 1856, he was ordained to the work of an Evangelist, Elders Tyson and Cason officiating. Bro. Coltrain was not in the popular sense an educated man, but he was a man of great piety and earnestness. He baptized over 200 persons, and married over 150 couples. He has left a heart-stricken wife and four children to mourn his demise. His preaching brethren feel the loss of a faithful and kind brother and the church one of its useful members. The writer preached his funeral to a large concourse of mourners, and we laid his body beneath the sod to await the summons from on high.

H. S. GURGANUS.

ELDER J. G. GURGANUS,

Joseph Grey Gurganus was born in Washington county, N. C., Feb. 1850. He professed faith in Christ and was baptized by Elder J. B. Respess. He entered upon the work of the Christian ministry soon after his baptism, and was ordained by Elder J. J. Coltrain the second year of his ministrations. He was called to his eternal home April 14th, 1882, to receive his crown of life; having fought a good fight, finished his course and kept the faith. As a man he was amiable, generous and kind. Truly can it be said of him: the world is better for his having lived in it.

"None knew him but to love him;
None named him but to praise."

As a preacher, he was faithful, firm, zealous, and an indefatigable worker. I recall, with pleasure, my association with him, as a co-laborer in the Master's cause, and cheerfully concede to him an unequaled amount of vital energy and patient devotion in the arduous labors of the ministry. As a husband and father, he was gentle, loving, and just. As a Christian he was of good report. The churches blessed by his labors speak his praise. He labored in Washington and Tyrrell counties with great success, and his visits to other counties were followed by no mean reports. His Christian integrity, sterling energy and unswevering devotion to the Master's cause. made him a Peter in impulsive zeal, a John of meek and persuasive bearing, and, at times, a "Son of Thunder." Having fought the good fight of faith, he died with his Armor on, HENRY WINFIELD.

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending October 7th, 1882.

KINSTON, N. C., October 4th, 1882.

Cash on hand, - - - - -	$23 47
Pledge from Kinston Church, - - -	10 00
Pledge from Wheat Swamp Church, - - -	6 25
Total, - - - - -	$39 72

N. D, MYERS, Treasurer.

Bro. A. C. Hart was recommended by the Committee on Evangelical Districts and appointed by the Convention Colporteur for one year. He is endorsed by the Convention as a faithful, honest and reliable agent; and as such, he is commended to all publishing houses.

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STATISTICS.

Beaufort County.—*Old Ford*—Delegates: R. T. and J. W. Hodges, and J. D. Perry. Dismissed 2, excluded 1, died 1, baptized 16, received 2, number 234, minute fund $3.00.

Union Chapel.—Delegates: W. R. Tetterton and F. P. Whitley. Dismissed 1, died 1, baptized 6, received 6, number 127, minute fund $1.00.

Pantego.—Delegates: P. H. Johnson, D. B. Wilkinson and G. F. Flynn. Died 1, baptized 12, received 13, number 188, minute fund $1.50.

Beaver Dam.—Delegate: J. B. Respess. Baptized 16, number 176, minute fund $2.00.

Trinity.—Delegates: H. H. Hill and S. B. Latham. Died 1, baptized 1, number 35, minute fund $1.00.

Head of Pungo.—Not represented. Number 50.

Tranter's Creek.—Delegate: Aug. Latham. Baptized 4, number 46, minute fund $1.00.

Blount's Creek.—Delegates: O. K. and M. L. Stilley. Dismissed 1, died 1, baptized 1, number 15, minute fund $1.00.

White Hill.—By letter. Baptized 1, number 34, minute fund 60cts.

Post Oak Chapel.—Not represented. Number 33.

Union Chapel.—Not represented. Number 38.

Pungo Chapel.—Delegates: J. F. Latham and J. T. Wilkinson, Baptized 1, received 3, dismissed 1, number 49, minute fund $1.50.

Hartsfield S.H.—Delegate: J. L. Winfield. Number 38, minute fund $1.

Gaylord's S. H.—Not represented. Number 24.

Pamlico Chapel.—Not represented. Number 26.

Buncombe County.—*Refuge*—Not represented. Number 30.

Bee Tree.—Not represented. Number 30.

Craven County.—*Kitt Swamp*—Delegates: Alfred and B. H. Gaskins. Received 3, died 1, number 85, minute fund $1.00.

Alpha.—Delegate: W. F. Lancaster. Dismissed 3, died 1, number 11, minute fund $1.00.

Riverside.—Delegates: Calvin Kirkman, J. D. May and C. J. Atkinson. Dismissed 1, number 53, minute fund $2.00.

New Berne.—By letter. Number 9, mission fund $4, minute fund $1.00

Vanceboro.—Not represented. Number 9.

Stony Branch.—Delegates: R. J. Brock and J. J. Spear. Number 22, minute fund $1.00.

Dover.—Not represented. Number 35.

Carteret County.—*Wier Creek*—Delegate: A. J. Holton. Baptized 7, number 26, minute fund $1.00.

Currituck County.—*Powell's Point*—Delegate: J. L. Burns. Received 2, excluded 2, number 44, minute fund $1.00.

Cumberland County.—*Pleasant Union*—By letter. Baptized 16, number 16, minute fund $1.00.

Duplin County.—*Sand Hill.*—By letter. Died 1, number 7, minute fund 50cts.

White Oak.—Not represented. Number 42.

Dare County.—*Manteo.*—By letter. No statistics given. Number 40.

Edgecombe County—*Bethany*—Not represented. Number 43.

Battleboro.—Not represented. Number 14.

Greene County.—*Hookerton*—Delegates: J. T. Forest, Jas. Wetherington, J. H. Coward. Baptized 2, died 2, dismissed 2, excluded 5, number 111, minute fund $3.00.

Eden.—Delegates: J. A. Frazier and D. T. Smith, minute fund $2.00. Number 75.

Hyde County.—*Clark's S. H.*—Delegate: J. E. Gurkins. Number 36, minute fund 30cts.

O'Neil's Chapel.—Delegates: J. C. Bishop and F. M. Bell. Dismissed 1, number 39, minute fund $1.00.

Swan Quarter.—Delegate: H. D. Cason. Received 3, number 31, minute fund $1.00.

Middleton.—Delegate: G. M. Silverthorn. Baptized 12, dismissed 1, died 2, excluded 2, number 137, minute fund $1.00.

Jones County.—*Haskins Chapel*—Delegates: B. Jones and C. Heath. Dismissed 1, died 1, number 50, minute fund $1.50.

Deep Spring.—By letter. Dismissed 1, died 1, number 30, minute fund 75c

Tuckahoe.—Delegates; J. W. Huffman and D. F. Banks. Baptized 10, dismissed 1, died 1, minute fund $1.00, number 71.

Pleasant Hill—Delegates: W. B. Nunn, Isaac Gooding and F. M. Dixon. Baptized 4, dismissed 6, received 1, died 1, excluded 4, number 122.

White Oak—By letter. Excluded 5, minute fund 80cts, number 30.

Johnston County.—*Mill Creek*—Delegate: J. V. Harper. Baptized 18, received 3, died 3, minute fund $3.45, number 220.

Wilson's Mill—Delegate: T. C. Davis. Dismissed 1, died 1, excluded 11, minute fund $2.00, number 39:

Lenoir County.—*Wheat Swamp*—Delegates: R. B. Taylor and E. L. Sutton. Dismissed 3, died 4, minute fund $3.00, number 124.

Kinston—Delegates: S. H. Rountree and George Tull. Baptized 21, received 7, died 2, minute fund $2.50, number 127.

Bethel—Delegates: C. T. Barwick and S. W. Sumrell. Minute fund $2.00, number 79.

South West—Not represented. Number 19.

Briery—Delegate; J. T. Ward. Minute fund $1.50, number 46.

Hebron—Not represented. Number 15.

Martin County.—*Christian Chapel*—By letter. Expelled 2, minute fund $1.50, No. 41.

Macedonia—Delegate: H. Woolard. Minute fund $1.50, number 41.

Robinsonville—Not represented. Number 48.

Poplar Chapel—Delegates: D. W. Davis, C. T. Swain and A. J. Davis. Minute fund $1.00, baptized 8, died 2, number 87.

Zion's Grove—By letter. Number 19:

Manning's S. H.—Not represented. Number 56.

Lebanon—Not represented. Number 29.

Red Oak Mission—Not represented. Number 7.

Onslow County.—*Christian Prospect*—Delegate: Wm. Basden. Baptized 9, received 6, dismissed 4, died 1, excluded 1, minute fund 85cts, number 86.

Union Chapel—Delegates: S. B. Taylor and W. B. Cox. Baptized 26, received 15, died 3, excluded 2, minute fund $2.00, number 114.

Pitt County.—*Antioch*—Delegates: W. R. Parker, W. R. Williams and W. Gardner. Baptized 1, dismissed 2, died 3, excluded 2, number 77.

Berea—Delegate: J. W. Smith. Baptized 4, received 1, minute fund 85cts, number 27.

Salem—Delegates: C. Stokes, W. S. Blount, W. C. Butler. Baptized 4, dismissed 3, died 1, minute fund $3.00, number 105.

Corinth—Delegates: E. A. Moye, A. J. Moye, W. E. Murphy. Baptized 1, received 1, dismissed 1, died 1, excluded 2, minute fund $1.00, mission fund $4.00, number 43.

Timothy Chapel—Delegates: I. K. Wetherington, J. G. Wetherington,

J. A. Stokes. Baptized 22, received 8, died 2, excluded 1, minute fund $2, Number 112.

Rountrees—Delegates: Caleb Cannon, J. C. C. Jenkins, Jos. McLawhorn, Baptized 12, received 1, minute fund $1.50, number 62.

Oak Grove—Delegates: S. H. Taylor, J. W. Page, J. J. Rawls. Received 5, dismissed 3, died 3, excluded 1, minute fund $2.00, number 79.

Mt. Pleasant—Delegates: J. L. Smith, J. A. Harris. Baptized 4, received 5, died 3, minute fund $1 50, number 80.

PAMLICO COUNTY.—*Broad Creek*—Delegates: H. T. Dunn, B. Holton and J. S. Barrington. Baptized 10, received 2, dismissed 5, died 1, number 45.

Bethany—Delegates: A. C. Brinson, S. S. Broughton, James Vendrick. Baptized 8, minute fund $1.00, number 128.

Bay Creek—Delegates: W T Mayo and L Whealton. Baptized 19, minute fund $1.00, number 71.

Concord—Delegates: Wm Richardson and W J Parker. Baptized 5, dismissed 2, excluded 2, minute fund $1, number 75.

Goose Creek—Delegates: W H Holton, Asa Moore and J B Brinson. Baptized 1, received 1, dismissed 1, minute fund 70cts, number 57.

Bethlehem—Delegate: S E Ipock. Baptized 1, died 1, minute fund $1.25, number 73.

Grantsboro—Delegates: E T Bennett and G T Rice. Baptized 1, minute fund $1.50, number 23.

PERQUIMANS COUNTY.—*Bethlehem*—Delegates: J W Trotman and T R Cullipher. Baptized 2, received 2, dismissed 1, died 4, excluded 2, minute fund $1.50, number 67.

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.—*Madison*—Not represented. Number 67.

SAMPSON COUNTY.—*Pleasant Union*—By letter. Died 2, minute fund $2.00, number 162.

Six Runs—Not represented. Number 98.

SURRY COUNTY.—*Stony Creek*—Not represented. Number 26.

Sulphur Springs—Not represented. Number 30.

STOKES COUNTY.—*Union Hill*—Not represented. Number 24.

TYRRELL COUNTY.—*Albemarle*—Delegate: F M Davenport. Minute fun 50cts, number 88.

Sharon—Not represented. Number 60.

Gum Neck—Not represented. Number 70.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.—*Long Acre*—Delegates: W J Bowen and W R Bayner. Baptized 2, minute fund $1.00, number 64.

Saints' Delight—Delegates: C W Swain and A C Wentz. Baptized 8, received 1, died 1, minute fund 50cts, number 64.

Chapel Hill—By letter. Dismissed 2, died 3, minute fund $1, number 34.

Free Chapel—Not represented. Number 108.

Philippi—Not represented. Number 206,

Christian Hope—Delegates: H S and E B Gurganus. Baptized 1, received 3, minute fund $1, number 113.

Zion's Chapel—Delegates: W N Davis and W S Ambrose. Baptized 6, minute fund $1, number 65.

Holly Neck—Not represented. Number 60.

WAYNE COUNTY.—*Eureka*—Delegates: G E Britt and C W Godwin. Baptized 12, dismissed 7, excluded 1, minute fund $1.60, number 163.

WILSON COUNTY.—*Wilson*—Delegate: J W Hines. Minute fund $2, No. 23.

YADKIN COUNTY.—*Mt. Nebo*—Not represented. Number 60.

Totals—Membership: white, 7,015; colored, 1,600; minute fund $89.00.

List of Preachers with their Post Office Address in Alphabetical Order.

	Names of Preachers.	Post Offices.		
	GIDEON ALLEN,	Marlboro,	Pitt county,	N. C.
	STANLEY AYERS,	Wynnville, Martin	"	"
	H. C. BOWEN,	Catharine Lake, Onslow	"	"
	J. L. BURNS,	Powell's Point, Currituck	"	"
	HENRY D. CASON,	Swan Quarter, Hyde	"	"
	W. H. COBB,	Whitakers, Edgecombe	"	"
7	ISAAC L. CHESTNUTT,	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
8	T. B. COX,	" "	"	"
9	W. M. DAVIS,	White Marsh, Washington	"	"
10	J. T. DAVIS,	Ormondsville, Greene	"	"
11	HENRY S. GURGANUS,	Long Ridge, Washington	"	"
12	JOHN W. GURGANUS,	" " "	"	"
13	PETER E. HINES,	Wilson, Wilson	"	"
14	J. S. HENDERSON.	Fairfield, Hyde	"	"
15	J. W. HARDISON,	Jamesville, Martin	"	"
16	ISAAC P. HOLTON,	Grantsboro, Pamlico	"	"
17	J. W. P. HOLTON,	" "	"	"
18	A. J. HOLTON,	New Berne, Craven	"	"
19	J. J. HARPER,	Smithfield, Johnston	"	"
20	N. B. HOOD,	Grantham's Store, Wayne	"	"
21	Dr. H. D. HARPER,	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
22	C. W. HOWARD,	" "	"	"
23	C. HEATH,	" "	"	"
24	A. C. HART,	Hookerton, Greene	"	"
25	JOHN IDOL,	Bethania, Forsythe	"	"
26	IRVIN JONES,	Hookerton, Greene	"	"
27	GEORGE JOYNER,	Marlboro, Pitt	"	"
28	GEORGE W. JACKSON,	Long Ridge, Washington	"	"
29	JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Greenville, Pitt	"	"
30	AUGUSTUS LATHAM,	Washington, Beaufort	"	"
31	P. T. LEHMAN,	Mt. Airy, Surry	"	"
32	D. H. MILLER,	Goldsboro, Wayne	"	"
33	M. T. MOYE,	Wilson, Wilson	"	"
34	E. E. ORVIS,	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
35	SILAS PEACOCK,	Bethania, Forsythe	"	"
36	RICHARD POINDEXTER,	Mt. Nebo, Yadkin	"	"
37	T. W. PHILLIPS,	Pantego, Beaufort	"	"
38	J. B. PARSONS,	Swan Quarter, Hyde	"	"
39	R. J. QUIDLEY,	Pantego, Beaufort	"	"
40	T. ROEBUCK,	Wynnville, Martin	"	"
41	E. L. SOWERS,	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
42	JOS. W. STEVENSON,	Wilson's Store, Stokes	"	"
43	R. T. SANDERS,	P. O. not known	"	"
44	C. H. SWAIN,	Jamesville, Martin	"	"
45	R. J. TAYLOR,	Wilson, Wilson	"	"
46	L. J. TERRY,	P. O. not known	"	"
47	JOHN R. WINFIELD,	Leachville, Beaufort	"	"
48	HENRY WINFIELD,	Robinsonville, Martin	"	"
49	J. L. WINFIELD, *Editor W. T.*	Washington, Beaufort	"	"
50	Dr. J. T. WALSH,	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
51	A. C. WENTZ,	Lee's Mills, Washington	"	"
52	THOMAS W. WHITLEY,	Hunter's Bridge, Beaufort	"	"
53	AUGUSTUS O. WARREN,	Edwards' Mills, Beaufort	"	"
54	R. W. STANCILL,	Lexington, Kentucky.		

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OF THE

Annual Convention

OF THE

DISCIPLES OF CHRIST,

IN NORTH CAROLINA.

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

Antioch, Pitt County, N. C.,

October 10th 11th 12th and 13th, 1883.

WASHINGTON, N. C.
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OFFICERS FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.

President,	Dr. J. T. WALSH,	Kinston.
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M. T. MOYE, President,

Annual Membership, $2.00.

Life Membership $20.00 in annual installments of two dollars.

All remittances must be sent to the Corresponding Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS.

FIRST DAY.

The Annual Convention of the Disciples of Christ met with the church at Antioch, (Farmville) Pitt Co. N, C. Oct. 10th. Bro E. E. Orvis, who was appointed at last Convention to deliver the annual address, being detained at home on account of sickness, Bro. F. M. Green of Ohio delivered a very acceptable discourse on General Missionary Work. His remarks were timely, practical and suitable to the occasion.

Bro. J. J. Harper, Moderator of the Convention took the chair and called the house to order. The chair appointed the following committee on the election of officers: J. L. Winfield, H. Brown and Rufus Swain. The committee reported the following permanent officers: Moderator, J. J. Harper, Asst. J. L. Burns; Secretary, J. V. Harper, Asst. C. W. Howard. They were unanimously elected by the Convention.

On motion, by Dr. J. T. Walsh, Bro. F. M. Green of Ohio be invited to take a seat with us and participate in all the deliberations. Bro. Green accepted the invitation in an admirable little speech.

The annual address prepared by Bro Orvis was handed in and ordered to be read by Dr. Walsh on to morrow. The following order of business was adopted:

1. Call the Convention to order.
2. Devotional Exercises.
3. Reading the Proceedings.
4. Calling the Roll.
5. Petitions and Resolutions.
6. Reports from Committees.
7. Miscellaneous Business.

The chair appointed the following committees: Finance; Caleb Cannon Sr., E.A.Moye, Rufus Swain. Preaching, S.H. Taylor, G.W. Barrett, W. R. Williams. Statistics of Churches; R.A.L.Carr. G.C.Respess, F.M. Kilpatrick,Publications; I.L.Chestnutt, J.B.Parsons, J.H.Coward.Ordination, Dr.J.T. Walsh, J.L.Burns, J.L.Winfield. Sunday School Convention; H. C. Bowen, Alfred Gaskins, J. W. Trotman. Education; J. L. Winfield, C. W. Howard, J. W. Hodges. Ministerial Character; E. A. Moye, S. B. Taylor and W. J. Bowen.

Moved and carried that the Roll of Churches be called by districts. Bro. D. W. Davis was appointed to preach to-night. He preached to an attentive audience on the theme *Fitly framed together*. The Convention adjourned untill tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises and benediction by Bro. C. W. Howard.

SECOND DAY.

11th

Convention met at 9 o'clock. Prayer by Dr Walsh. The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved. On motion the church letters be read before the house. On motion it was agreed that the delegates from the districts be empowered to select one of their number to form the Evangelical Committee. The Moderater called the roll which was continued until 11 o'clock when the house was declared adjourned. The Annual address prepared by Bro. Orvis was read by Dr. Walsh. The Convention adjourned for dinner.

The Convention re-assembled after refreshments and proceeded to business after singing. The committee on Devotional Services reported Bro. J. B. Parsons of the Scuppernong district to preach to night, J. T. Davis and F. M. Green to-morrow; J. W. Trotman, and H. C. Bowen tomorrow night. The chair appointed the following Evangelical Committee:

S. H. Taylor, J. W. Trotman, Josiah Dixon, J.D. May, G.B.Cox, Rufus Swain, H. S. Davenport, H. Brown, Uriah Leggett, G. T. Tyson, J. H. Coward, W. B. Cox, Jesse Basden, J. R. Lassiter, R. W. Hines, J. R. Tingle, Alfred Gaskins, and E. T. Bennett.

Bro. E. A. Moye introduced a resolution to change the evangelical year. This resolution makes the evangelical year begin and close with the Convention. It was rejected. Bro H. C. Bowen introduced a resolution to limit the speeches to ten minutes, and only one speech on any one subject, except by permission of the Convention, Carried. The Chair appointed the following committee on time, place and programme for the Sunday School Convention: Dr. J. T. Walsh, H. C. Bowen and W. R. Williams.

On motion and by petition, the church at Sneeds Ferry be enrolled on the minutes.

By his request, the name of Bro. T. W. Phillips was erased from the list of preachers.

On motion, Bro. H. C. Bowen who was appointed to draw a map of the districts be excused, as the evangelists had not furnished him with the necessary data.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to draw up a Constitution for the government of the Convention: Dr. J. T. Walsh, E. A. Moye, Geo. Joyner, J. L. Burns, and Josephus Latham.

On motion the Convention adjourned till tomorrow morning 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises by Bro. Josephus Latham.

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THIRD DAY.

The Convention met at 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises by Bro. J. T. Davis. The proceedings of yesterday were read and approved. The house took up the special order to change the beginning of the Evangelical year. The resolution was laid on the table, The Convention then took up petitions and resolutions. On motion the Ministerial Association be made a special order immediately after the intermission for dinner. The Committee on Education submitted their report. See Report.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to purchase the Farmville Academy: R. A. Bynum. G. W. Barrett, S. H. Spain, J. W. Hodges, S. B. Taylor, M. T. Moye and I. L. Chestnutt.

On motion, by Bro. I. L. Chestnutt, the minute fund on hand be turned over to the Editor of the WATCH-TOWER and he be required to print and distribute as many as the funds will justify, and make a report to the next session of this Convention, Adopted. The Committee on Constitution submitted their report, which was read by sections and then adopted-

The Convention adjourned for dinner,

The Ministerial Association assembled after refreshments and held a very interesting session.

On motion the Convention adjourned until to morrow morning 9 o'clock. Devotional exercises by H. C. Bowen. After the adjournment of the Convention, brethren J. W. Trotman and D. W. Davis were examined by the Committee on Examination and Ordination, touching their knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and capacity for the Gospel Ministry. The examination was satisfactory.

FOURTH DAY-

The Convention assembled at the usual hour. Devotional exercises by Bro. A. C. Hart. The hour for the ordination of brethren Trotman and Davis having arrived, the Convention adjourned during the Ordination Services. Dr. Walsh presided. After reading appropriate selections from the Scriptures and prayer by Bro. F. M. Green, the candidates were ordained by the laying on of hands.

The Moderator announced the following committee to select Officers and Managers of the North Carolina Missionary Convention: E. A. Moye, W. R. Williams, I. L. Chestnutt, J. L. Burns, and S. B. Taylor.

The following delegates were appointed to attend the General Christian Missionary Convention at Cincinnatti, Ohio:

J. L. Winfield, M T Moye, E E Orvis and J L Burns,

At this hour (11) Dr Walsh preached at the stand to a large and appreciative audience.

The committee on Finance reported $76.57, for Minutes, and $3 for Missions. No special business being before the Convention, speeches were made by brethren H C Bowen and Henry Lewis.

The committee on election of officers submitted report, which was approved. See inside of title page.

Bro F M Green entertained the Convention in explanation of the Constitution, its working features and how to make it a success.

The Convention adjourned for dinner. On account of the incessant rain the congregation remained in the house and Bro Green preached on *Little Things.* The Convention re-assembled after dinner and proceeded to business.

On motion, Bro E.E.Orvis be granted a letter of recommendation signed by the President and Secretary of the Convention.

On motion the Editor of the *Watch Tower* be requested to print and distribute gratuitously copies of the Constitution of the Missionary Convention. And also church letters to be sent to all the congregations.

Petitions for the next Convention were presented from Pleasant Union Timothy Chapel and Wheat Swamp. Wheat Swamp receiving the largest number of votes was declared the place, and Thursday before the second Lord's day in Nov. the time.

Bro Trotman made an earnest appeal for aid to assist the church at Bethlehem, Perquimans county in completing their house of worship.

On motion, the Treasurer was authorized to pay over to Bro J. L. Burns $8 and the balance be turned over to the new Treasurer.

The committee on Devotional exercises report that Bro Henry Winfield preach to-night and Bro F. M. Green tomorrow.

LORD'S DAY,

A meeting was held on Sunday morning under the new organization Dr. Walsh in the chair. The Board of Managers recommended Bro E. L Sowers to the Coast district.

On motion, Bro M. T. Moye was elected President of the Board o Managers, and J. V. Harper Secretary. On motion the first meeting o Board be held at Wilson.

The Convention adjourned to meet at Wheat Swamp at time specified Thus has come and gone another happy and profitable Convention. Th large number that attended and the unanimity which characterized al the deliberations furnish strong evidence of our prosperity and aggressiveness. The new working method was warmly received and all th disciples seemed to acquiesce in the practicability of adopting such measures as would tend to further the progress of our common cause.

Bro. F. M. Green preached at the stand to a large and attentive audience on the "Woman at Jacob's Well." After the discourse a large number of Disciples assembled in the house and partook of the bread and wine, commemorative of the death of our Redeemer, A beautiful repast was spread on the ground and after refreshments the large concourse of people dispersed, many to meet in Annual Conventions no more. May love, union and peace be multiplied.

J. V. Harper,
Secretary.

J. J. Harper,
Moderator

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REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS.

Dr. Walsh introduced the following Resolution: That a committee of five of our wisest and best men be appointed, by the Moderator, to take into consideration the re-construction of our Annual Conference, so as to make it a permanent missionary body, and that committee be empowered to draw up a Constitution to be submitted to this body for adoption or rejection. Adopted.

ON EDUCATION.

Whereas The Disciples in North Carolina have no school under their denominational control, and one of sound practical principles is pressingly felt by the Church.

Resolved, That the Moderator of this Convention appoint a committee of five to negotiate with the owners of the Farmville Academy and ascertain for what sum it can be bought.

Resolved, That if said building can be bought at a fare price, books of subscription be opened and the necessary amount be raised to purchase the College building.

Resolved, That all who subscribe towards the purchase of said building shal be recognized as stockholders.

Resolved, That after the necessary amount is subscribed the President of th Convention shall call a meeting of the stockholders at Farmville, where the (stockholders) will organize by electing a Board of Trustees and attend to suc other matters as will facilitate the speedy opening of a school uuder Christia auspicies.

J. L. Winfield, }
C. W. Howard. } Com.
J. W. Hodges, }

The report was unanimously adopted.

ON PUBLICATIONS.

We the committee on Publications submit the following report:

We heartily endorse the Watch-Tower as the organ of the Disciples in N Carolina, and we recommend that all the Evangelist press its claims in their respective fields of labor. The Standard Publishing Company, Central Boo Concern, and John Burns are reliable and worthy of patronage.

I. L. Chestnutt. }
J. B. Parsons, } Com.
J. H. Coward, }

MINISTERIAL CHARACTER.

The committee on Ministerial Character submitted the following report:

We recommend that the name of T. B. Cox be dropped from the roll of preachers. We also recommend that the Convention take action in regard to the following brethren whose names appear on the roll but never attend our Annu Meetings; John Idol, P.T.Lehman, R.Poindexter, J.W. Steverson Silas Peacock R. T. Sanders, and L. J, Terry. The Convention dropped the above nam from the roll. No charge was brought against their moral character.

E. A. Moye, Chairman,

Dr. Walsh introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That this Convention in behalf of all the brethren in North Carolina, sincerely and affectionately extend to Bro. F. M. Green of Ohio, our hearty thanks for his visit to our State and hereby invite him to come again. Adopted.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

The committee on church statistics report. We find represented by delegates and letters 82 churches and 5762 members. GEO. C. RESPESS, Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS OF THANKS.

Bro. C. W. Howard introduced the following resolution which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Convention be tendered to the citizens of this community for their kindness and hospitality, and also to the officers of the Convention for the dignified and efficient manner in which they hava discharged their duty.

TREASURE'S REPORT.

Received from last Convention,	$4.00
Received from Dr, Walsh,	$8.08
Total,	$12.08

J. W. HODGES, Tres.

LORD'S DAY SCHOOLS.

The committee on Lord's day Schools reported as follows:

We recommend that a committee of three be appointed on time, place and programme for the next Sunday School Convention. Adopted.

H. C. BOWEN, Chairman,

The Evangelical Districts.

Coast.—Manteo, Powell's Point, Trent &c.; E. L. SOWERS.

Tyrrell.—Gum Neck, Sharon, Sound Side, Albemarle; W. O. WINFIELD.

Plymouth.—Free Chapel, Holly Neck, Saint's Delight, Chapel Hill, Bethlehem; J. B. PARSONS,

Hyde.—Middleton, Nebraska, Springfield, Swan Quarter, O'Neils Chapel; AUG. LATHAM.

Pungo.—Clark's School House, New Lake, Head of Pungo; D. H. ADAMS.

Pantego.—Pantego, Pungo Chapel, Union Chapel, Long Acre, Beaver Dam, GEO. JOYNER.

Old Ford.—Old Ford, Tranter's Creek, Oak Grove, Mount Pleasant; J. L. WINFIELD.

Martin Co.—Poplar Chapel, Manning's School House, Macedonia, Christian Chapel, Robersonville, Zion's Grove, Lebanon; J.L. BURNS. Asst. H. WINFIELD.

Pamlico.—Broad Creek, Goose Creek, Bethany, Grantsboro, Bethlehem, Concord, Bay Creek; J. T. WALSH, Assistant, A. J. HOLTON.

Kitt Swamp.—Kitt Swamp, Blount's Creek, White Hill, Hartsfield, Trinity, Union Chapel; A. O. WARREN.

Salem.—Salem, River Side, Timothy, Bethel; C. W. HOWARD.

Farmville.—Antioch, Corinth, Berea, Rountree's Eden; I. L. CHESTNUTT, Assistant, D. W. DAVIS.

Hookerton.—Hookerton, Wheat Swamp Stony Branch, New-Berne, Weir Creek; DR. H. D. HARPER.

Jones.—South West, Haskins Chapel, Pleasant Hill, Deep Spring, White Oak; J. W. TROTMAN.

Onslow.—Christian Prospect, Richland, Union Chapel, Sneed's Ferry, Tuckahoe; H. C. BOWEN.

Wilson.—Wilson, Bethany, Wilson's Mill; J. J. HARPER.

Mill Creek.—Mill Creek, Eureka, Pleasant Union, Gidinsville; N. B. HOOD.

Kinston.—

North Creek.—North Creek, Pamlico Chapel, Post Oak

STATISTICS.

Roanoke District, J. L. Burns; *Powel's Point*, J. L. Burns, Number 44, $1.00.

Manteo, Not represented, Number 45.

Bethlehem, J. W. Trotman, Expelled 2, Received by letter 4, died 2, number 65, $1.00.

Tyrrell District, J. W. Gurganus, *Gum Neck*, Not represented, number 70. *Sharon*, Not represented, number, 60. *Sound Side*, Not represented. *Albemarle*, By letter. number 88.

Scuppernong District: J. B. Parsons; *Free Chapel*, By letter. dismissed 5, received 1, died 1 number 108. $1. *Phillipi*, By letter, baptised 18, dismissed 2. received by letter 4, died 3, number 206. $1.00. *Holly Neck*, By letter, baptized 7, number 34. $1.00.

Saints Delight, Rufus Swain, J. T. Sitison and Joseph Swain. Baptised 5, number 84, $1.00.

Plymouth District: H. S. Gurganus. *Zion's Chapel*, Not represented, number 65. *Chapel Hill*, H. S. Davenpopt, expelled 1. received by letter 1, died 1, number 57, $1.00. *Long Acre*, W. J. Bowen, Geo. W. Bowen, baptized 2, expelled 1, died 1, number 57, $1.00. *Christian Hope*, By letter, baptized 9, died 2, number 119, $1.00.

Robersonville District: H. Winfield; *Lebanon*, H. Brown, S. T. Gleason and T. Roberson; expelled 1, number 29, 50cts, *Zion's Grove.* Not represented. *Robersonville*, J. H. Grimes, J. R. Whitfield, W. W. Andrews, expelled 4, died 2, number 22, $1.00. *Christian Chapel*, E. B. Roebuck. J. J. Swain and M. G. Rawles, baptised 13, received by letter 2, number 69. $1.00. *Poplar Chapel*, J. W. Roberson and D. W. Davis, baptized 4, expelled 5, received by letter 1, number 87. *Manning's S. H.* Not represented, number 56.

Mt. Pleasant District. J. L. Winfield; *Mt. Pleasant*, J. H. Harris and F. Ward, baptized 3, died 1, number 75. $2.00. *Oak Grove*, S. H. Taylor, and J. J. Rawles, baptised 1, expelled 4. died 2, number 75, $2.00.

Old Ford District. A. Latham, *Old Ford*, N. T. Perry, U. Leggett and J. W. Hodges, baptized 13, dismissed 2, died 2, number 243. $2,00. *Beaver Dam.* By letter, baptized 2, number 182, $2.00. *Macedonia*, J. H. Woolard and H. W. Holliday, number 41, $1.50. *Tranter's Creek*, By letter, baptized 5, received by letter 1, number 46.

Pantego District. Geo. Joyner; *Pantego*, Geo. L. Wilkerson and Thos. Flynn, baptised 4, dismissed 1, expelled 1, received by letter 3, died 5, number 165, $2.00. *Pungo Chapel*, Geo. T. Tyson, Ira Bell, J. A. Burgess, baptized 7, died 3, number 50, $1.25. *Union Chapel*, F. P. Whitley, N. A. Whitley, baptized 7, received by letter 1, died 5, number 129, $1.00.

Hyde District, J, S. Henderson, Asst. W. O. Winfield. *O'Neals Chapel*, By letter, dismissed by letter 1, received by letter 1, number 37. *Swan Quarter*, H. D. Cason, baptized 2, number 32. *Middleton*, Baptised 23, dismissed by letter 1, expelled 1, died 2, number 30. *Springfield*, Not represented.

Pungo District. D. H. Adams. *Head of Pungo*, By letter, dismissed 1, died 1 number 48. $1.25. *Clark's S. H.* Not represented. number 36, *New Lake.* No represented.

Farmville District. I L. Chestnutt. *Rountrees*, John Pierce and Caleb Cannon, Sr., and Jr., died 2, number 37, $1.50. *Berea*, R. A. Allen and B. W. Tyson baptized 3, dismissed by letter 1, number 29, 75cts. *Corinth*, E. A. Moye, Jos Dixon and R. A. L. Carr, died 3, number 40. $3.00. *Antioch*, Henry Tompson W. R. Williams and G. W. Barrett, expelled 2, received by letter 4, died 3, number 65, $1.00.

Hookerton District. J. Latham; *Eden*, J. W. Taylor. and M. P. Taylor. Baptized 12, received by letter 2, number 86, $1.50. *Wheat Swamp*, Noah Rouse, D. W. Brothers and S. E. Hodges. Baptised 1, number 120, $3.45. *Hookerton*, J. A. Davis, J. T. Forest, and J. H. Coward, baptized 2. dismissed by letter 2, number 111, $2. *Hebron*, not represented number 15. *Alpha*, by letter, number 40, $1.00.

Salem District: G. Allen; *Timothy*, J.E. Moore, Israel Moore, Josephus Causey, baptised 1, dismissed by letter 1, died 4, number 116, 75cts. *Riverside*, J. D. May, C. J. Atkinson, dismissed by letter 1, died 4, number 53, 75cts. *Salem*, C. Stokes, W. C. Butler, F. M. Killpatrick, dismissed by letter 2, died1, number 103, $2.25. *Bethel*, C. T. Barwick and *S.* W. Sumrell, received by letter 2, died 1, number 75, $2.

Onslow District: H. C. Bowen; *Union Chapel*, S. B. Taylor and W. B. Cox, baptised 7, dismissed by letter 1, received by letter 5. number 129. $2. *Christian Prospect* W. Basden. baptized 14. dismissed by letter 5, received by letter 4, died 1. number 67, $1. *Tuckahoe*, by letter, baptised 2, expelled 1, received by letter 2, number 81, 85cts. *Pleasant Hill* E. M. Jarman and L. F. Koonce, baptised 4, dismissed 1, expelled 6, died 2, number 116, $2

Jones District: D. W. Davis; *Haskin's Chapel*, C. Heath and Bryant Jones, baptized 1, number 47, $1.55. *Deep Spring*, Jesse Basden, baptized 2, received by letter 1, died 1, number 52, $1. *White Oak*, not represented, number 30. *Sand Hill* not represented, number 8.

Mill Creek District: N. B. Hood; *Pleasant Union*, Jno. Lassiter and H. W. Bryan. baptised 5, received by letter 4, number 171, $1.50. *Eureka*, not represented number 163. *Mill Creek*, J. V. Harper, and J. L. Rose, died 2, number 215, $2.50. *Giddensville*, not represented.

Wilson District: J. J. Harper; *Wilson's Mills*, by letter, died 1, number 35, $1.25. *Wilson*, Dr. R. W. King and R. W. Hines, baptized 5, received by letter 6, died 1, number 34, $2. *Bethany*, W. F. Draughan, baptised 5, received 6, number 60, $2.

New-Berne District: E. L. Sowers; *South West*, D. T. Williame and J. J. Vause, baptized 12, received by letter 1 number 28, 75cts. *Strong Branch*, by letter, baptised 1, dismissed 4, number 20 $1. *New-Berne*, not represented, number 8.

Pamlico District: J. T. Davis; *Broad Creek*, by letter, died 1, number 40, $1. *Goose Creek*, J. B. Brinson, expelled 3, died 1, number 50, 70cts. *Bethany*, J. R. Tingle, baptised 10 dismissed by letter 1, expelled 1, received by letter 5, died 6, number 135. *Bethlehem*, not represented, number 73. *Concord*, by letter, expelled 1, died 2, number 60.

Kitt Swamp District: A. J. Holton; *Alpha*, not represented. number 11. *Union Chapel*, not represented, number 36. *Trinity*, by letter, baptized 2, number 37, $1. *Blount's Creek*, by letter, died 1, numper 11. 50cts. *Wier Creek*, by letter, baptized 3, number 32. $1. *Kitt Swamp*, Alfred Gaskins, Asa Arthur, number 80, $1.

White Hill District: J. W. P. Holton; *Bay Creek*, not represented, number 71. *White Hill*, not represented, number 34. *Hartsfield*, G. C. Respess, baptized 1, dismissed 2. expelled 1, received 4, number 41, $1. *Grantsboro*, E. T. Bennett, received 2, number 25, $1.

North Creek District: T. W. Whitley; *Pamlico Chapel*, by letter, baptised 1, received 3, number, 25. *Wadespoint*, not represented, number 26. *Post Oak*, by letter, baptised 2, died 2, number 33.

Kinston District: E. E. Orvis; *Kinston* G. B. Cox and J. T. Walsh, baptized 5, received 5, died 4, number 128, $2.

The following new churches were enrolled: *Richlands*, number 30. *Sneed's Ferry* number 12.

The followeng churches, except *Pleasant Union* do not delegate to the Annual Convention. Cumberland Co., *Pleasant Union* W. E. Moore, number 14, $1. Buncombe Co., *Refuge*, nnmber 40. *Bee Tree*, number 30.

Edgecombe Co., *Battleboro*, number 14.

Rockingham Co., *Madison*, number 67.

Surry Co.. *Stony Creek*, number 26. *Sulphur Springs*, number 30.

Stokes Co., *Union Hill*, number 24.

Yadkin Co., *Mt. Nebo*, number 60.

Explanation.—We publish the statistics of churches by districts. The name of the Evangelist appears immediately after the district and the church after the evangelist, and the delegates after the church. The amount of money annexed refers to minute fund. Phillipi, by letter; baptized 10, number 216.

Annual Address.

The Primitive Order of Things in Christianity,

BY E. E. ORVIS.

Brethren and Sisters: It has been made my duty to deliver the Annual Address to you on this occasion. I could wish that this duty had been assigned to some one more competent; but I will cheerfully attempt to perform the task with what ever of ability I possess.

We are engaged in an effort to restore and re-establish the primitive order of things in reference to that religious system, eminating from and taught by our Lord and Saviour, Jesus, the Christ; and which was originally established by him in this world, through the labors of his inspired apostles. We assume that there has been a wide departure from the simplicity and purity of that system as originally inculcated; and our effort is to restore and re-establish it as it was in the beginning. It is, therefore, absolutely essential that we first ascertain, with undoubted certainty, what that ancient order really was, By this means only can be seen what are interpolations, innovations and corruptions, so as to reject them, while adhearing to all that was primitive and genuine.

On or about the 24th day of May, A.D 33, the first Pentecost after the crucifixion of the Prophet of Nazareth, his followers, to the number of one hundred and twenty—including men and women, and including also the twelve apostles—"were all together in one place" in the city of Jerusalem. "And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting." And there appeared unto the apostles "tongues, parting assunder, like as of fire,and it sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit,and began to speak with other tongues as the spirit gave them utteranceNowtherewere dwelling at Jerusalem Jews,devout men from every nation under heaven. And when the sound was heard,the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

The apostle Peter, to whom had been given the keys of the kingdom of heaven "standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice and spake forth unto them." For the first time in the history of the world, he then and there publicly proclaimed a crucified and risen Savior and of ered pardon and salvation to a lost and ruined world through him. His life, his teaching, his miracles, his death, burial and resurrection; his ascension to heaven. and his coronation as Lord of lords and King of kings were the leading topics of his discourse. He concluded with these weighty words: "Let all the house of Isreal therefore know assuredly that God hath made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified."

"Now when they heard this they were pricked in their hearts and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren what shall we do ? And Peter said unto them, Repent ye. and be baptized every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ, unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall recieve the gift of the Holy Spirit." He, also added other words of exhortation and admonition. "They then that recieved his words were baptized, and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls," These persons who were thus "added unto them" were the first who heard, believed and obeyed "the gospel of the grace of God." Those who thus heard believed and obeyed, by this means, became disciples of Christ, Christians, or the children of God. As a community or society of persons, so gathered together in the name of Christ, so builded upon the one divine foundation, were an *ecclesia*, a church, the church of God, or the church of Christ. "And the word of God increased, and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

The apostles soon extended their labors to other portions of Judea, and then to Samaria, and ultimately to the most distant parts of the Roman Empire. Wherever they went they preached the same gospel, in substantially, the same manner, and with the same result. Everywhere men and women heard, believed, and obeyed; as individuals they became Disciples of Christ, as communities Churches of Christ.

But there were other peculiarities about these primitive communities, or Churches, which demand our attention. They did not fail to assemble themselves together for the public worship of God and to edify and build each other up in the faith and hope of the gospel. They met at stated periods—particularly on the first day of ihe week—and "continued steadfastly in the apostles teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and prayers." Their private lives were remarkably pure and exemplary; at home they did take their food with gladness and singleness of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people."In the public assembly, each had a psalm, a doctrine, a tongue, a revelation or an intepretation as a means of instructing others. Their motto was, "Let all things be done unto edifying,

For a time the oversight and management of these Churches were exclusively in the hands of the apostles. But at length, when the number of the disciples was multiplied," a division of labor became necessary. In order that the apostles might give themselves continually "to prayer and to the ministry of the word," suitable persons were appointed under the direction of the apostles, to serve the congregation in regard to secular and temporal matters. And soon after this, others were appointed to co-operate with the apostles in regard to the spiritual interests of the Church. The particular occasion of their first appointment is not given, but they are mentioned as early as in the eleventh chapter of Acts. They were called Elders or Presbyters. At a later period they were also called Bishops or overseers. And as the work increased upon their hands so that the apostles needed further aid in order to promptly reach "the regions beyond," another class of officers were appointed, to "do the work of an evangelist," by sounding out the word of the Lord, turning men from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God.They were called Evangelists.

These several classes of officers were first appointed in the church in Jerusalem; and this church seems to have been looked up to as a model and guide to the others. So that the other churches followed her example in this respect, as well as in others.

But because this system of things grew up gradually. as circumstances seemed to demand, we are not authorized to inter that it was the offspring of mere human wisdom. We must not forget that the apostles were carrying out a commission which they received from the Lord—a commission which is only in part recorded; and the full details of which we can only learn from what they did and said. We should remember, too,that they were so guided by the Holy Spirit, as not only to bring to their remembrance all that Jesus had said to them. but also to lead them into all truth. We are therefore justified in coming to the conclusion that the order of things inaugurated by them, was, in every material particular, such as Christ had specifically prescribed.

With this general view of the subject before us, we are now prepared to study this primitive order of things somewhat more in detail.

1. The ancient order in preaching the gospel, was to proclaim, in plain and simple language, its sublime facts, commands and promises. Just this and noth-

ing more. No theory, no speculation, in philosophy, in regard to these facts, commands. or promises, was thought of, or indulged in, No formulated statement of the opinions of men, in regard to any of these matters, was deemed necessary, either for the conversion of sinners, the edification of saints, or the discipline of the churches.

2, The ancient order in the conversion of sinners, was that they heard these facts, and believed them; reverently received these commands and obeyed them; and then rejoiced in hope of the fulfillment of the gracious promises. They heard, believed, and obeyed, and rejoiced with joy exceedingly great and full of glory. The facts all related to Jesus, and culminated in the grand fact that he was the Christ the Son of the living God; they embraced the fact that he died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, and that he rose from the dead the third day according to the Scriptures. These facts demonstrated his right to command, and men's duty to obey. The commands were, to believe in Christ, to repent of sins, to confess Christ before men, to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of sin, and then to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world. The promises embraced the remission of sins, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and eternal life. To believe these facts, obey these commands, and to rely with implicit trust upon these promises, was what constituted a person a christian, and a member of the church of Christ.

3. The ancient order of things in reference to the constitution of the church, was that those in any given locality who so became christians, were by the very fact of their becoming christians associated together as the church of Christ in that place. They were "gathered together" in the name of Christ; they were built upon him as the one foundation; he was "head over all things" to them; they were under law to him. Their individual life; their personal relations to each other; their association as a society of disciples; their public and private worship, were all regulated by that divine law.

4. The ancient order of things in relation to the public worship of God was that they habitually met on the first day of the week to break bread in commemoration of the death of Christ; to attend to the teachings of the apostles; to manifest their fellowship, or copartnership with each other, and with their divine Master, by contrbuting of their means as the Lord had prospered them, for the advancement of the cause of Christ; and to engage in such devotional exercises as would promote their individual growth in grace, and most fully and effectually edify one another. This last they did by exhortation, singing and prayer.

5. The ancient order of things in reference to the polity or government of the church was, that they recognized Christ as its only Head and Law-giver. No man or set of men had any power to make a single rule or regulation; to enact a single canon or law for them. Christ was "Head over all things to the church". His laws were made known by the inspired apostles, and have been recorded in the sacred writings of the New Testament, so as to be handed down thro all succeeding ages; and wo be to him who adds to or takes from them. Each church, like the church at Phillippi, had its "bishops and deacons," the former in charge of the spiritual and the latter of the secular interests of the church. But these were only executive officers; they had no legislative authority. There was a plurality of each of these classes of officers in each local church, and their official jurisdiction was confined to the particular congregation of which they were bishops and deacons. They had no official duties elsewhere. Their qualifications were particularly pointed out by the apostle Paul. Each of these churches might, if they were so disposed and had the means, send out an Evangelist, to

carry the glad tidings of salvation to other localities, to make converts, co stitute other churches and set them in order. Or contiguous churches might nite their means and co-operate in this grand work. Even all the churches i any given section of country might so co-operate. It is easy to see that Pa and Barnabas and other primitive preachers were by such means sustained their missionary labors. Each church was a full pledged Missionary Socie. fully competent, so far as authority was concerned, to carry on this grand wor But what one could not accomplish alone for the want of adequate mean might be accomplished by the joint efforts and joint means of several churc es, so co-operating together.

This primitive order of things continued during the life time of the apostle It was the age of pristine simplicity and purity. Efforts were made to corru and change it in some particulars. But the vigilance of the apostles, and th conceded authority as the duly constituted ambassadors of Christ, prevented in novations and corruptions from making much headway until after their dea Even after death the authority of the apostles was so far respected that no vio ent changes took place for several years.

But in the second century changes began to occur, first in the organic struc ture and polity of the churches. Converts from Paganism were being made and the independent worshiping assembles, or churches, each under the spir ual guidance and partership of their plurality of presbyter-bishops, was no pompous and consequential enough to suit the caprice of these new converts A change must be effected. The first change was only a slight one. Eac church, besides its deacons and presby ters, had one official known and desig nated as "The Bishop." He was not a Diocesan Bishop. He had no official au thority outside of the local church of which he was a member, and of whic he was *the* bishop. Besides he was him self only an Elder, or presbyter; havin no other or different authority from the other elders. His pre-eminence consist ed in being a sort of chief or head presbyter, a standing President of the boar of elders; and he was elevated to this station solely by the suffrages of his fellow presbyters, For a long time it was not necessary that he should have a specia ordination for this new station, Still this was a departure from the primitiv order of things, and paved the way to still greater changes.

In regard to this first departure from the primitive order of church polity Con eybare and Howson—both members of the Church of England—in their Life and Epistles of St. Paul, pp 433, 434, say:

"Officers concerned with church government, the next in rank to that of apostles, was the office of Overseers or elders, more usually known (by their Greek designation) as Bishops or presbyters, These terms are used in the New Testament as equivalant, the former, (*episcopos*) denoting (as its meaning of overseer implies) the duties, the latter, (*presbuteros*) the rank of the office. The history of the church leaves us no room for doubt that *on the death of the apostles, or perhaps at an earlier period* (*and in either case by their direction*) one among the presbyters *of each church* was solicited to preside over the rest, and to him was applied emphatically the title of *the* Bishop or overseer, which had previously belonged equally to all."

On this, I remark:—

1. It is certain that the change here indicated actually took place.
2. At that time "the bishop," was only one of the presbyters, promoted to a sort of presidency over the rest.
3. This occurred in "each church," showing that "each church" had its plurality of presbyters, each of whom had previously been called a bishop.
4. There is no evidence that this occurred *immediately* "on the death of the aptles;" much less that it took place "at an earlier period," that is, while they

were still alive.

5. Nor is there the slightest evidence that it was "by their direction." The idea is simply preposterious. Why should they *direct* to have their work undone? Why would they *wish* to have the divine constitution given to the church by its Sovereign Head, under their inspired ministry, abondoned, abolished, and set aside, and an entirely different order of things substituted in its place? The change was made, made after the death of the apostles, and made without their sanction and without any divine authority—was a sacrilegious interference with the divine institution.

But the innovators were not yet satisfied. By the middle of the third century, another and more radical change had been effected. These local and independent churches were consolidated into dioceses, corresponding to the political divisions of the Roman Empire; with one bishop for a plurality of churches, instead of a plurality of Bishops for each church. And in a few centuries more the work of consolidation and centralization, was fully consummated, and one man in the city of Rome, was recognized as universal Bishop. The apostacy, as far as related to the organic structure and polity of the Church, was complete.

Mean time, the doctrine and practice of the Church had been correspondingly corrupted, and that which passed under the name of Christianity was a miserable compound of Judaism, pagan philosophy pagan religion, incongruous human devices. with just a little Christianity thrown in a sort of flavoring. The great Apostacy predicted by the Apostle Paul. was completely developed, and had been fully inaugurated.

During all these ages there had been a few who repudiated these innovations; but they were pronounced heretics, and were persecuted even unto death. During the 14th and 15th centuries, especially, vigorous efforts were made to reform the abuses existing in the so-called church. The leaders of these movements were summarily, and often perfidiously put to death. But early in the 16th century, a more energetic effort at reformation was made, under more favorable auspices, and became a grand success. Luther, Zwingle, Melancthon, and their devoted associates, inaugurated and carried forward a grand and noble work. They were followed by Calvin, Knox, Wesley, and others. Eternity alone will make known the good accomplished by these devoted and God-fearing men.

But after all, they were only reformers, not restorers, of the primitive order of things. They sought to reform the effete systems and organisms of their day, to lop off some of the more luxuriant branches of the tree of apostacy and corruption. This was a noble work, but we, my brethren, are engaged in a work far more grand and noble. We propose to lay the axe at the root of the tree: to hew it down and cast it into the fire; and to restore and re-establish the ancient, original, primitive, apostolic order of things, in form and substance, in in letter and spirit, in faith and practice.

No grander object ever animated the energies of mortal man, than that which inspires our zeal, commands our devoted energies, and our persevering fidelity—the purpose to restore Christianity to the world, in all its primitive simplicity, purity and power. Let us see to it that we act worthy of our high vocation, and may the God of heaven smile upon our toils and sacrifices, nerve us for the conflict, and crown our efforts with abundant success.

And we may well be encouraged, since we can see the whole religious world moving in the right direction. At all points in our grand plea, we are meeting the approval of learned and candid men, to an extent that we could not have dreamed of a few years ago. The tide of public sentiment is unmistakably setting in the direction of pure apostolic Christianity.

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——OF THE——

NORTH CAROLINA CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY CONVENTION.

Art. I. This organization shall be called The North Carolina Christian Missionary Convention.

Art. II. Its object shall be to devise ways and means for the spread of the Gospel in North Carolina, but may raise and appropriate funds for other fields.

Art. III. Its membership shall consist of members of the Church of Christ, who have been sent by their respective churches or by an association of churches, as delegates to its annual Convention, and of such other Brethren as may have contributed to its Treasury, as hereinafter provided.

Art. IV. Each co-operating District shall be entitled to five delegates, and each Church in the State to one delegate. Any member of the Church of Christ may become a member of the Convention for one year by the payment of two dollars, and a member for life by the payment of twenty dollars, in annual installments of two dollars.

Art. V. Its officers shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, who shall be elected annually and hold their respective offices until their successors are elected.

Art. VI. The Convention at each annual meeting, may divide the State into Districts, and to each District assign one or more Evangelists, provided however, that nothing in this Article shall be construed so as to prevent any Congregation who does not favor the District plan from selecting their own Evangelist.

Art. VII. There shall also be elected annually nine members, who together with the officers of the Convention, shall constitute a Board of Managers, whose duty it shall be to carry into execution the work of the Convention. They hall appoint their own meetings, elect their own chairman and clerk, and durng the interval between the annual meetings, fill all vacancies in their own body, employ evangelist and agents, and direct them in their fields of labor. They shall keep a full record of their proceedings and make report through the Corresponding Secretary at the annual Convention, making such recommendaions as they shall deem proper. Five of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

Art. VIII. The President, Vice-President and Recording Secretary shall erform the duties usually belonging to such offices at the annual Convention. The Corresponding Secretary shall collect all funds and pay them to the Treasrer, keeping an account of the same. He may also be employed as General Evangelist, and shall account for all sums paid him for services. The Treasurer hall receive from the Corresponding Secretary all funds, pay them out on orer of the Clerk of the Board, keep an accurate account of the same, and make report at the annual Convention.

Art. IX. The annual Convention may annually contribute a percentage of he funds raised for missions to the Treasury of the General Christian Missionry Convention, such percentage to be determined by the Convention.

Art. X. This Convention shall meet annually on Thursday before the 2nd ord's day in November, at such place as may have been determined by the st annual Convention. In case the Convention shall have failed to appoint a ace, the Board shall select the place of meeting.

Art. XI. This Constitution may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of all e members present at any regular meeting of the Convention, provided such mendment shall have been first recommended by the Board, or a year's notice all have been given.

John T. Walsh, Chairman.

E. A. Moye, Secretary.

List of Preachers with Post Office Address in Alphabetical Order.

Name of Preachers.	Post Offices.		
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H. C. BOWEN,	Catharine Lakə, Onslow	"	"
J. L. BURNS.	Robersonville, Martin	"	"
HENRY D. CASON,	Swan Quarter, Hyde	"	"
W. H. COBB,	Whitakers, Edgecombe	"	"
ISAAC L. CHESTNUTT,	Farmville, Pitt	"	"
W. M. DAVIS,	White Marsh, Washington	"	"
J. T. DAVIS,	Ormondsville, Green	"	"
D. W. DAVIS,	Farmville, Pitt	"	"
HENRY S. GURGANUS,	Long Ridge, Washington	"	"
JOHN W. GURGANUS,	" " "	"	"
PETER E. HINES,	Wilson, Wilson	"	"
J. S. HENDERSON,	Swan Quarter, Hyde	"	"
J. W. HARDISON,	Jamesville, Martin	"	"
ISAAC P. HOLTON,	Grantsboro, Pamlico	"	"
J W. P. HOLTON,	" '	"	"
A- J. HOLTON,	New Berne, Craven	"	"
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N. B. HOOD,	Grantham's Store, Wayne	"	"
Dr. H. D. HARPER.	Kinston, Lenoir	"	"
C. HEATH,	" "	"	"
C, W. HOWARD,	FountainHill, Lenoir	"	"
A· C. HART,	Hookerton, Greene	"	"
IRVIN JONES,	" "	"	"
GEORGE JOYNER,	Washington, Beaufort	"	"
GEORGE W. JACKSON,	Long Ridge, Washington	"	"
JOSEPHUS LATHAM,	Greenville, Pitt	"	"
AUGUSTUS LATHAM,	Middleton, Hyde	"	"
D. H. MILLER,	Goldsboro, Wayne	"	"
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1868 + '69 – Browns S. H. 1870. [illegible]

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P. 10, 1871 – [illegible]

P. 13, 1873 – Wilson Ch. [illegible]

" " – 2d [illegible]

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P. 4 1865 – Macedonia enrolled.

P. 6, 1876 – Riverside Ch. — "

Cornwall " — "

P. 8 – " – Salem (Hallsville chapel) – new Ch. [illegible]

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started in 1870.

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P. 10 – " – Union Meeting [illegible]

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+ E. E. [illegible]

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" " Female College "

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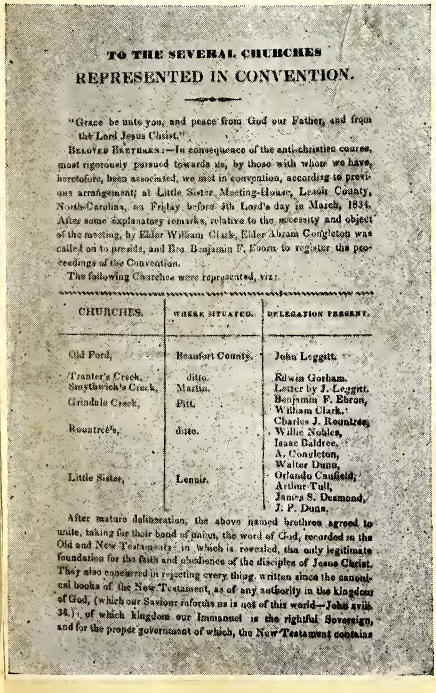
FIRST CAROLINA CONVENTION

by Charles C. Ware

Editorial Note: Charles C. Ware, North Carolina State Secretary and Curator of the Carolina Discipliana Library, had an exciting moment when he discovered the little pamphlet which is pictured on this page. Mr. Ware, a research man and collector of many years experience, is the author of **Barton Warren Stone; North Carolina Disciples of Christ; Tar Heel Disciples** and other works. He has been a member of the Board of Directors of DCHS since our beginning in 1941.

We now have the document showing conclusively that the first gathering of representatives of churches entitled "Convention," held by North Carolina Disciples of Christ was at "Little Sister Meetinghouse, Lenoir County", on March 28-30, 1834. The printed leaflet was found between the leaves of a musty Bible in the home of a great-grandson of Charles Jenkins Rountree, one of the "representatives," appearing in the "Convention." Six churches from four counties in eastern North Carolina, were represented by thirteen persons and one "letter". Significant line in the fugitive document, appearing after the statistics declares: "The above named brethren agreed to unite taking for their bond of union the word of God."



TO THE SEVERAL CHURCHES
REPRESENTED IN CONVENTION.

"Grace be unto you, and peace from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ."

Beloved Brethren:—In consequence of the anti-christian course, most rigorously pursued towards us, by those with whom we have, heretofore, been associated, we met in convention, according to previous arrangement; at Little Sister Meeting-House, Lenoir County, North-Carolina, on Friday before 5th Lord's day in March, 1834. After some explanatory remarks, relative to the necessity and object of the meeting, by Elder William Clark, Elder Abram Congleton was called on to preside, and Bro. Benjamin F. Eborn to register the proceedings of the Convention.

The following Churches were represented, viz:

CHURCHES.	WHERE SITUATED.	DELEGATION PRESENT.
Old Ford,	Beaufort County.	John Leggitt.
Tranter's Creek,	ditto.	Edwin Gorham.
Smythwick's Creek,	Martin.	Letter by J. Leggitt.
Grindale Creek,	Pitt.	Benjamin F. Ebron, William Clark.
Rountree's,	ditto.	Charles J. Rountree, Willie Nobles, Isaac Baldree.
Little Sister,	Lenoir.	A. Congleton, Walter Dunn, Orlando Caufield, Arthur Tull, James S. Desmond, J. P. Dunn.

After mature deliberation, the above named brethren agreed to unite, taking for their bond of union, the word of God, recorded in the Old and New Testaments; in which is revealed, the only legitimate foundation for the faith and obedience of the disciples of Jesus Christ. They also concurred in rejecting every thing written since the canonical books of the New Testament, as of any authority in the kingdom of God, (which our Saviour informs us is not of this world—John xviii. 36,) of which kingdom our Immanuel is the rightful Sovereign, and for the proper government of which, the New Testament contains

It is a small four-page leaflet, giving minutes of proceedings on Friday, March 28, and concluding with a statement of principles adopted by this initial group of Disciples, signed by their committee: William Clark, Abram Congleton, and J. P. Dunn. Congleton presided at the meeting, and Benjamin F. Eborn was "Clerk", Dunn had been ordered by the "Convention" to publish 500 copies. Hitherto, all of these had been lost, however, for our use, for over a century. We could not even know that this document existed. It had never been reproduced or cited in any form known to us. Dr. John Tomline Walsh, in his "Life and Times", pages 73, 74, quoted most of the simple statistics, but he gave no citation, nor did he otherwise identify the source. Moreover, to confuse matters, from faulty memory in his advanced years, he dated the Little Sister meeting, Feb. 2-3, 1831, an obvious error, because at that time all six of these churches were yet in undissolved fellowship with the Kehukee and Neuse Baptist Associations. After their excommunication in October, 1833, they freely formed this co-operation which after much growth and development functions in North Carolina today.

This title of extraordinary rarity is a welcome light on the misty background of Carolina Disciples history. Those who would know our people's life as a whole are grateful, beyond words, for this delightful shift in the grim curtains of time.

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NINETY YEARS AGO

North Carolina, a century or more ago, gave to the Disciples of Christ some great pioneers of their movement; Barton Warren Stone and the Creaths, and others. Among these were John R. Howard who promoted the movement in the Central Mississippi valley, settling at Paris, Tennessee, and founding *The Bible Advocate*, a periodical of the Disciples. We have long wanted a bound file of this old paper for our archives. We have not secured one, but a friend in Atlanta, Ga., has one from which we copy the following newsletter of 1846, from John B. Gaylord, who died in 1851, at thirty-five years of age, while pastor at Kinston. He was buried in our old church yard at Kinston.

The Cause in Eastern North Carolina

Newbern, Craven Co., N. C., Nov. 20th '46.

Dear bro. Howard:—The Disciples have had their annual union meeting, in the eastern part of North Carolina; held at Swift Creek, Craven Co. commencing on the 8th of October 1846, and continuing 4 days. Some *thirty* churches reported 2000 members or more. We had a happy meeting. Great love was exhibited among the preachers and brethren. We had a large and attentive congregation, desirous to hear the truth, but no additions. On the following Lord's day I attended at a funeral occasion, and baptized *eight*. Also on the 4th Lord's day in the same month, with the labors of bro. Wm. H. Shank and myself, *seven* confessed the Lord, and were immersed by bro. S. The harvest is great but the laborers are few. We have but one traveling proclaimer, and he is the oldest in the reformation, being about 60 years old. We have great opposition; all the Paidoes, and also a small connexion who call themselves Free-will Baptists, which is the greatest opposition to the truth. They call us "Campbellites", and accuse us of teaching false doctrine; but we take the Bible for our guide, and teach it to the people the best way we can. The Disciples will hold their next annual union meeting at Pleasant Hill, Jones Co. to commence on Thursday before the 1st. Lord's Day in November, 1847.

I remain yours in the good hope.

JOHN B. GAYLORD.

In reading the above, our hearts are made to rejoice at the triumphs of the truth in our native State. Will not some of our able proclaiming brethren go to the aid of these brethren? No doubt but that they would sustain them. There is a vast field open in the Carolinas and Georgia for the proclamation of the primitive Gospel. We have but little doubt but there are thousands of Baptists there, who, if they have their minds disabused of prejudice, would hail with joy the restoration of the ancient Gospel and order of things. Out of as many disciples as were reported at this meeting, cant the brethren send us at least one or two hundred subscribers? We trust that they will do all they can for the *Advocate*—J. R. H.